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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	3.23	4.35	5.39	7.21
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
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Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.06	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.06	6.40
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	6.04	6.38	7.06	7.20

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Fanling	...	...	7.45	11.30	2.20	8.20	6.25
Shataukok	...	...	8.40	12.25	3.15	4.15	7.20

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Shataukok	...	...	6.30	10.15	1.05	2.05	5.00	5.15
Fanling	...	...	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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A FEW SAD REFLECTIONS ON SUNDAY'S PLAY.

A SCOTSMAN WITH A PLUS FOUR FORCE.

There was nothing the matter with the day; we caught our train and, avoiding the wooings of the Sheung Shui rickshaw coolies, walked up to the club house in a hopeful frame of mind.

I had drawn, as fellow competitor, a Scotsman with a plus-four force who received my comment on the beauty of the day in silence. I had intended carrying a copy of the rules of golf in my pocket, but saw it would not now be necessary—that sort of man always knows each penalty I incur and writes them down. My illegalities on the golf course at times induce loquacity in members of his race.

The tees were in good order, the fairway was perfect, while the condition of the greens led me to suspect that the Fanling worms had been off their food for some time.

My caddie must have got his job through family influence; for the caddie master (a pleasing euphemism) selected him after some thought from a crowd of more pushful and vocative applicants. His name was Ah Chuck. He has a highly introspective mind and possibly a beautiful soul, but "he has not received the message." He is not a caddie. Half way round our morning adventure he seemed to be suffering from shell-shock, for, having found the Scotsman's ball, he was told he was a "guid wee laddie"—this from a man from whom deeds only were hoped for unnerved him.

But the play is the thing. My opponent is one of those men who do one thing at a time and do it very well—he did not drink at all during either round. He, of course, qualified with ease.

My own efforts did not bear out the earlier hope of the morning. I began with a steady six, a long put holed was the leading feature of that hole. At the second my fourth fortunately rebounded off the graves beyond the green and another six resulted. At the third and fourth my hope received at least two shocks, and by the time I at last holed on the seventh green hope had finally left me, for here the Scotsman asked me for the loan of a knife to sharpen our pencil. The inferiority complex had fairly triumphed. I tore up and finished the round marking threes, fours and an occasional five on the Caledonian's card. At the bar, on conclusion of his exhibition, he reminded me that he had given me our pencil.

At lunch, at my request, he consented to play a match without stymies; I hopefully promised to play "real golf," his comment being, "Ye never played it in your life." After some demur he agreed to give me two strokes and play me for drinks. When I state that I am about to play "real golf" I mean that I hope to play so that my ball in two nifty ones may be where Mr. Shewan gets with ease in one. I did this quite a few times after lunch, but I was beaten 7 and 6 by the inhuman efficiency of my opponent. A railway ticket (return) on the bye also went the same way.

I felt quite happy once more when my erstwhile partner helped me into the last train, but why, oh why, did I not make the wager on the afternoon round a box of balls!

I have lost my pocket knife, a present from an aged aunt—he said he gave it me back. He insisted on me being his guest at St. Andrew's Ball when he treated me to a bewildering number of drams in the manner of an exiled Prince. He is obviously one of those men who make Scotland what it is. There are others, whom he is sure to meet in that highly qualified sixteen. Good luck to him."

It is depressing to know that twelve months must elapse before I can possibly win the Club Championship, but I am somewhat heartened by the thought that by that time Ah Chuck may be considered by his family old enough and strong enough to be employed in herding ducks for his daily bread.

A. CONEY.

THE ROSCOE BRUNNER TRAGEDY.

INQUEST VERDICT OF SUICIDE AND MURDER.

MR. BRUNNER OF UNSOUND MIND AT THE TIME.

A copy to hand of the *Daily Telegraph* gives fuller particulars of the distressing circumstances under which Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner were found dead at their Putney residence. The event was announced at the time in a Reuter telegram.

At the inquest conducted in Wandsworth Baths by Mr. Ingleby Oddie, Sir John Brunner identified the bodies as those of his brother and sister-in-law. Mr. Roscoe Brunner, he said, was 55 years of age and a director of public companies. Mrs. Brunner was 49. She and Mr. Brunner were married in 1898. Mr. Roscoe Brunner was chairman of Brunner, Mond's from 1918 until this year, when he vacated the chair and was succeeded by Sir Alfred Mond.

The Coroner: The vacating of the chair would be, I suppose, at the request of the board of directors?

Sir John: Yes.

And for a good reason, I dare say?

Yes, it was stated at the annual meeting of the company that it was on account of his poor health.

And was there any other reason?—There were serious business troubles.

For which he, as chairman, I take it, had to take responsibility?—Yes, he had to take the responsibility.

Do you know of your own knowledge whether the giving up of the chairmanship was rather felt by him?—Yes, it was a serious blow to him.

And a new company formed in which there is a combination of Brunner, Mond, and other companies?—Yes.

Was he suggested as a director of this new amalgamated company or not?—No, sir. His name was not among those which were published.

Do you know that it would have been a great disappointment to him?—It was a very severe disappointment to him.

What do you know about the state of your brother's health?—He had been very unwell for practically two years.

Is there history of insanity in the family?—No.

"Somewhat Difficult."

As regards the terms upon which he and his wife lived, were they ordinary domestic terms?—They were very affectionate. From time to time she was moody, and, if I may say so, somewhat difficult.

Do you know that she had taken an interest in her husband's business?—She had his interests very deeply at heart.

Mrs. Nellie Attwell, housekeeper, and wife of the butler at the house, said that when she had seen Mr. and Mrs. Brunner during the last few months their attitude towards one another suggested that they were quite happy. On the evening of November 3rd she went up to the room about ten because the maid could get no answer. The bodies were lying on the floor.

Police-constable Whitwell, who was called to the house about 10.15, said that the bodies were lying on the floor at the foot of the bed. Mrs. Brunner was lying on her face. She was fully dressed, and was wearing a hat, and she had a bullet wound on the right side of the neck. Mr. Brunner was lying across the body on his left side, with his right arm around Mrs. Brunner's waist and his right hand clasping the revolver. There was no indication in the room of any struggle.

Dr. Stowell, of Northwich, said he had been medical adviser to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner for the last fourteen or fifteen years. He last saw Mr. Brunner on October 27th. He was looking very ill and worried. He told witness he was suffering from pains in the head and could not sleep.

The coroner, summing up, asked the jury whether they could not properly infer that the conversation in the writing-room at Green Cottage must have been about the absence of Mr. Roscoe Brunner's name from the board of directors of the new company. "In the course of this discussion is not it extremely likely that she then divulged what she had been doing, as she thought, in her husband's interests, in the matter of hawking this grievance about the various newspaper offices? If that were so, does not that explain the whole tragedy? Cannot you understand how, to a man of his temperament and his position that that might well have been the last straw which caused his mind to lose its balance entirely? If that is your view you will have no alternative but to return a verdict of murder in the case of Mrs. Brunner, and of suicide while of unsound mind in the case of Mr. Roscoe Brunner."

The jury returned a verdict that Mr. Brunner murdered his wife and then committed suicide while of unsound mind.

DIOGENES IN IRELAND.

The Tyrone coroner was informed recently of the death of a man named James Moss, of Killeter, co Tyrone, whose habit it was to sleep in a barrel. Moss went to a neighbour's house recently, and was taken ill and died. He was a farmer, 67 years of age.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Annual Street Sale of Roses for Society of St. Vincent de Paul for poor of Hong Kong.
Jumble Sale Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, for Charitable Objects.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
R.A.O.B. Meeting, No. 7, Duddell Street, 6 p.m.
Ladies' Night, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.
Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Siberia (*Tjikembarg*), 11.30 a.m.

Friday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."

Saturday.

Entries close for Fanling Hunt Steeplechase to be held on Saturday, December 18th, at Kwanti.
Sale of work, Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Cricket and Football (details in Saturday's issue).
Yachting: Reserved for re-sail or other race.
Golf: Saturday to Monday—Captain's Cup.
Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Dance Craigengower Cricket Club, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."
Principal Mails:—Outward: America and Canada, and Europe *vid* America (*President Taft*), 5 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (*Tanda*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

St. John Ambulance Brigade Field Day at Shek O.
Yachting: 1st Championship race for Cruisers.
Golf: 1st and 2nd rounds of Championship.
43rd. Annual Fête of St. Vincent de Paul Society, R.C. Cathedral Compound, 8.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *vid* Siberia (*Atsuta Maru*). Outward: America and Canada, and Europe *vid* America (*President Taft*), 5 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (*Tanda*), 2.30 p.m.; Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Atsuta Maru*), noon.

Monday.

Land Sale P.W.D., 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Chinese Names," by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, America, etc., Europe *vid* Victoria, B.C., and *vid* Siberia (*President Jackson*), 3.30 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (*Calulu*), 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture: Free lecture on Christian Science at Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, by Mr. John Randall Dunn, C.S.B., of Boston, Massachusettes, U.S.A., 5.45 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Paul Lecat*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

Around-the-World tourist liner *Carinthia* due.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Masked fancy dress ball at Peak Club for M.C.L. Funds.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

PAPUAN CANNIBALS.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION FROM AUSTRALIA.

Messages from Rabaul, in the Bismarck Archipelago, state that a punitive expedition against the supposed cannibals in Tatasea district has started out, consisting of fourteen Europeans and 57 native police in charge of an inspector. The white men were sworn in as special constables, as they are experienced in the ways of the natives.

Early in October three white men visited the Tatasea district to search for gold. The natives speared one when he was isolated from his companions, who afterwards removed him to hospital at Rabaul. While the District Officer was preparing to investigate this attack, another party of six white men was attacked and three were killed, while one is missing.

Two escaped, one by remaining under cover in a swamp for 24 hours. The missing man is believed to have been killed.

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1 Qt. Burgundy.
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2 Qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky.
2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port.
2 Qts. St. Julien Claret.
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1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters.

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LAWRENCE OF ARABIA AND THE PALESTINE CAMPAIGN.

PEN PORTRAITS OF ALLENBY AND HIS MEN.

SOME CANDID ANALYSES.

Mr. T. E. Lawrence's long-awaited book on the Arab revolt which is being published privately and subscribers for which have been each £30, is amazingly outspoken, says the *Evening Standard*. The conduct and character of the men who worked with Mr. Lawrence in this great adventure are relentlessly analysed. Arabs, British, French, and Australians are described without fear or pity; and in the same spirit Mr. Lawrence writes about himself.

The book covers the period 1916-18, when Mr. Lawrence was attached to the staff of Sir F. Wingate's Hedjaz Expeditionary Force, and later to the staff of Lord Allenby. It gives a day-by-day account of the Arabian campaign and his own part in it.

He are some pen portraits of British colleagues taken from this chronicle:—

Sir Ronald Storrs, C.M.G., C.B.E., Oriental Secretary, Residency, Cairo; later, Governor of Jerusalem.

The most brilliant Englishman in the Near East, and the deepest.

His shadow would have covered our work and British policy in the East like a cloak, had he been able to prepare with the sternness of an athlete for a great fight.

Storrs in full blast was a delight to listen to in the mere matter of Arabic speech and also a lesson to every Englishman alive of how to deal with suspicious or unwilling Orientals.

The Late Sir Mark Sykes (formerly M.P. for Central Hull, and a politician of great promise).

A bundle of prejudices, intuitions, half-sciences. His ideas were of the outside, and he lacked patience to test his materials before choosing his style of building. . . . His instincts lay in parody: by choice he was a caricaturist rather than an artist, even in statesmanship. He saw the odd in everything, and missed the even. . . .

His help did us good and harm. For this his last week in Paris tried to atone. He had returned from a period of political duty in Syria, after his awful realisation of the true shape of his dreams, to say gallantly: "I was wrong: here is the truth." His former friends would not see his new earnestness, and thought him fickle and in error; and very soon he died.

"All Brains and Claws."

Sir Archibald Murray, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of Egyptain Army, 1916-18; superseded by Lord Allenby.

Sir Archibald Murray, the General in Egypt, wanted, naturally enough, no competitors and no competing campaigns in his sphere. He disliked the civil power, which had so long kept the peace between himself and General Maxwell.

When confronted with what he considered a rival show, he bent his considerable powers to crab it. . . . He was all brains and claws, nervous, elastic, changeable.

Dr. D. G. Hogarth, C.M.G., Commander R.N.V.R., 1915-19; Director of Arab Bureau, Cairo.

Mentor to all of us was Hogarth, our father, confessor and adviser, who brought us the parallels and lessons of history, and moderation, and courage. To the outsiders he was peacemaker (I was all claws and teeth, and had a devil).

He . . . would present clearly to us the forces hidden behind the rags and festering skins which we knew as Arabs.

General Guy Dawnay, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., on Allenby's Staff.

Dawnay was mainly intellect. . . . His cold, shy mind gazed upon our efforts with bleak eye, always thinking, thinking. . . . He was the least professional of soldiers, a banker who read Greek history, a strategist unashamed, and a burning poet with strength over daily things. During the war he had had the grief of planning the attack at Suvla (spoiled by incompetent tacticians) and the battle for Gaza.

As each work of his was ruined he withdrew further into the hardnesses of frosted pride, for he was of the stuff of fanatics. Allenby, by not seeing his dissatisfaction, broke into him; and Dawnay replied by giving for the Jerusalem advance all the talent which he abundantly possessed. A cordial union of two such men made the Turks' position hopeless from the outset.

Allenby Puzzled.

Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.; Commander-in-Chief Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1917-19.

For Lord Allenby, Mr. Lawrence exhibits an unqualified admiration. Here is his first interview with the conqueror of Jerusalem:—

Allenby was physically large and confident, and morally so great that the comprehension of our littleness came slow to him. He sat in his chair looking at me—not straight, as his custom was, but sideways, puzzled.

He was hardly prepared for anything so odd as myself—a little bare-footed, silk-skirted man offering to hobble the enemy by his preaching if given stores and arms and a fund of two hundred thousand sovereigns to convince and control his converts. Allenby could not make out how much was genuine performer and how much charlatan. . . .

He did not ask many questions nor talk much, but studied the map and listened to my unfolding of Eastern Syria and its inhabitants. At the end he put up his chin and said quite directly, "Well, I will do for you what I can," and that ended it. I was not sure how far I had caught him; but we learned gradually . . . that what General Allenby could do was enough for his very greediest servant.

The Emir Feisal of Irak.

Feisal is one of Mr. Lawrence's heroes. He is painted a dignified, picturesque idealist, a man of infinite patience, great courage, deep passion, and fiery energy; a man responding magnificently to any appeal made to his honour.

Feisal was a brave, weak, ignorant spirit, trying to do work for which only a genius, a prophet, or a great criminal was fitted. . . .

In appearance he was tall, graceful, and vigorous, with the most beautiful gait, and a royal dignity of head and shoulders. Of course he knew it, and a great part of his public expression was by sign and gesture. . . . His men told me how, after a long spell of fighting . . . he had collapsed physically and was carried away from his victory, unconscious, with the foam flecking his lips.

At the end we see him contrasted with Lord Allenby at Damascus:—

Feisal, large-eyed, colourless, and worn like a fine dagger; Allenby, gigantic and red and merry, fit representative of the Power which had thrown a girdle of humour and strong dealing round the world.

Kut: "8 More Aeroplanes."

On the conduct of the war engine Mr. Lawrence as no less outspoken than about the personalities engaged in it. Here is a characteristic comment:

Had the British headquarters in Mesopotamia obtained from the War Office eight more aeroplanes to increase the daily carriage of food to the garrison of Kut, Townshend's resistance might have been indefinitely prolonged. His defence was Turkishly impregnable; and only blunders within and without forced surrender upon him.

"The Seven Pillars of Wisdom," as Mr. Lawrence calls the book, is a worthy third volume to "Arabia Deserta" which exerted so great an influence on the author's life. It is enriched by 150 illustrations by Eric Kennington, William Roberts, Augustus John, Hughes-Staunton, and other contemporary artists and designers.

SOVIET DIPLOMATS DO THEMSELVES WELL.

EXTRAVAGANCE AT BERLIN.

The Russian workmen who, according to Tomsky's admission, are complaining that in reply to the cry for economy they are being compelled to sleep in unheated barracks, would at any rate have had their hearts warmed if they could have peeped in recently at the reception with which their diplomatic representation in Berlin celebrated the "glorious October revolution." Hardened habitues of such entertainments declare that Berlin has never before seen buffets groaning with such mountains of costly delicacies or champagne flowing in such profuse streams. A company of 600 to 800 persons included "everybody," from Herr Stresemann and the new head of the Reichswehr, General Heye, through the ranks of finance, industry, commerce, learning, law, literature, music, and art to the stars of the film and variety stages.

The lioness of the evening was the Bolshevik "Ambassadress," Madame Kolontai, who was the perpetual centre of an interested circle, and who stated in reply to a question that the difficulties with regard to her transit visa through the United States were in a fair way to settlement, and that she hoped the overland route to her new diplomatic post in Mexico would be open to her in about a week.

EXMOOR "STAG" A GOAT.

ADVENTURE OF A VENERABLE ANIMAL.

The mystery of the white "stag," which was recently alleged to have been seen at Chipstable, has at last been cleared up, says a *Morning Post* correspondent. It now turns out to be a goat. After numbers of people had come from the district around to find and collect data about this remarkable animal, a farmer gave me this explanation, which has considerably amused the district and the Hunt followers.

It appears that a certain farmer had changed his abode from Elwell to Fitzhead, taking with him a venerable white "Billy" goat with a fine pair of horns. The animal, unaccustomed to its new home, got loose, and trotted back to its former abode.

The new tenant, however, disliked its presence, and as it would not return to its owner of its own accord, he set some dogs to chase it back.

The dogs ran after the goat, and so terrified it that it careered along the road to Chipstable, and it was there seen by the persons who thought it was a white stag. Jumping a stream and making for cover naturally added to the illusion.

Searchers will probably find "Billy" grazing peacefully in the depths of some wood.

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A SOVIET LEAGUE IN ASIA.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY AT ANGORA.

GROUP OF EASTERN POWERS IN CONCLAVE.

Writing from Constantinople on Nov. 4th the London *Times* correspondent gives the following analysis of the Soviet intrigues now in progress at Angora, and linked up with their web of policy throughout the East. The article states:

The simultaneous presence in Angora of Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Mirza Abdul Hussein Khan Timurtash, the Minister of the Persian Court, and Memduh Shevket Bey, the Turkish Ambassador to Teheran, together with M. Suritch and General Ghulam Jeilani Khan, the Soviet and Afghan Ambassadors to Turkey respectively, is arousing interest in political and diplomatic circles in Turkey.

Mirza Abdul Hussein Khan Timurtash was received with a military guard of honour when he arrived at Angora, and a banquet is being given in his honour. Accompanied by Tewfik Rushdi Bey, Turkish Foreign Minister, and Memduh Shevket Bey, he was received in a prolonged audience by Ghazi Mustapha Kemal Pasha.

The Persian Government recently issued a denial of the report that a tripartite treaty between Persia, Turkey, and the Soviet Government was under consideration and explained that such a treaty was unnecessary as separate treaties already existed between the three Powers concerned. In spite of this denial it is possible that some form of league or treaty which will embrace five, and not three, countries is contemplated, the other two being China and Afghanistan. Dr. Alfred Sze's visit to Turkey is certainly invested with some political significance and he has been accorded a warm welcome in Angora. Nor is it without interest that the King of Afghanistan should have sent a fraternal telegram of greeting to the Ghazi Pasha on the occasion of the third anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic.

Soviet Guidance.

If a league or treaty is being planned between these five countries, the Soviet is undoubtedly the guiding spirit behind it. With Afghanistan Moscow has made a neutrality treaty. The Bolshevist policy of propaganda in China is well known, and in Persia the Soviet is playing a clever, although dangerous, game, as the embargo it has put on Persian exports into its dominions will either prove a powerful political weapon or will retard its growing influence in Teheran for a considerable period. In Turkey Soviet influence has been strong for the last five years, although the Kemalists made it clear to the Bolshevists that the actual application of Communist doctrines might be all right for Russia, but would not be tolerated in Turkey.

Playing on Discontent.

Owing to the secrecy surrounding the negotiations which began in Moscow and have now been transferred to Angora, it is at present difficult to form any exact idea as to the nature of the contemplated league or treaty. It is clear what the object of the Soviet is, as it aims at becoming the champion of "oppressed Asiatic nations." But it is not so clear what advantages would accrue to the other four parties to such an agreement. It may be that the Soviet hopes to play on the known discontent and distrust with which many Asiatic nations regard the League of Nations. Thus, although China and Persia are both members of that League, they are both discontented that no Asiatic Power apart from Japan has been granted a permanent seat on the Council, for China has only been given a non-permanent seat for two years. Furthermore, this summer, when Turkey was considering the advisability of entering the League, the chief consideration which weighed with Angora was whether she would be granted a permanent seat on the Council. When Angora learned that this would not be the case it was decided to make no application for membership and the Ghazi Pasha's speech two days ago contained no reference to the League of Nations. This and other matters have given Moscow the opportunity for disparaging the League, which is represented by the Bolshevists as being purely a convenient weapon in the hands of the principal Western European Powers.

MURDER IN A YACHT.

ARRESTED COUPLE CROSS-EXAMINED IN A TRAIN.

A dramatic confession that they had killed M. Jeannot, the owner of a motor-yacht which they had hired to take them for a trip to sea from Marseilles, is alleged to have been made on November 1st by Gustave Cornelis, a young Belgian, and a woman named Emilie Libert, as they were being brought to Marseilles by train from the Italian frontier, where they were arrested as they were attempting to escape from Italy.

Subjected to a keen questioning as the train sped along the Riviera coast, the young couple broke down. They said that when the yacht was well out to sea and night had fallen they had a dispute with M. Jeannot concerning the price to be paid for his services.

The owner of the yacht, said Cornelis, attempted to strike him, whereupon he drew his revolver and shot M. Jeannot, afterwards throwing the body overboard. The couple landed next morning at a deserted spot on the coast, abandoning the yacht.

For a fortnight they had wandered penniless along the Riviera coast, until at last, in desperation, they attempted to escape across the Italian frontier.

THE REAL LORD CURZON.

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EX-VICEROY'S MERRY ADVENTURES.

Very pleasant sidelights on the character of the late Lord Curzon of Kedleston are thrown by the delightful volume "Leaves from a Viceroy's Notebook," which his executors have recently published. A few days ago we reprinted from a London paper the story of the "Admirable Creichton" of a valet, who was often mistaken for his master, and the following extract from the *Daily Telegraph* is equally delightful and shows a little known side of the former Viceroy's character:

Alcohol and Explorers.

His essay on the part played by liquor in travel and exploration is a fine example:—Why, he asks, do travellers in their books so rarely speak of that which "is apt to be not merely a source of pleasure but an element in success"? The reason, he suspects, is that "the traveller likes to credit himself with an endurance even more Spartan than is justified by the facts." He notes, however, Byron's tribute to the reviving virtue of hock and soda water in "Don Juan," Roald Amundsen, on the other hand, told Lord Curzon that during his dash to the South Pole he longed incessantly for hot coffee. He observes that "the French, who are admirable travellers, never travel without champagne"; and when, in French company, he was roughing it very severely in the wilds of Annam and Cambodia, "it was always a compensation to know that the Moët would be forthcoming when the day's labour was over." He recalls that when he was galloping for nine long days from Meshed to Teheran, riding through the heat of the Persian day with no more than a flask in his holster, he would murmur to himself the magic incantation, "Wolff's champagne"; and that was the first thing he asked for (and got) on riding into Sir Drummond Wolff's, the British Minister's, compound. Much harder work was his exploration of the Pamirs in 1894, and when he re-entered India to join Sir Frank Younghusband at Citral, he had the following memorable experience:

Beer! And Bass's.

As I rode down the grassy slopes, I saw coming towards me in the distance the figure of a solitary horseman. It was Younghusband's native servant. At that moment I would have given a kingdom, not for champagne or hock and soda, or hot coffee, but for a glass of beer! He approached and salaamed. I uttered but one word, "Beer." Without a moment's hesitation he put his hand in the fold of his tunic and drew therefrom a bottle of Bass. Happy forethought! O Prince of hosts! Most glorious moment! Even now, at this distance of time, it shines like a ruddy beacon in the retrospect of thirty years gone by.

A Grotesque Trojan Enthusiast.

At pen-portraiture Lord Curzon was always excellent. In his paper on "Greece in the Eighties" is one of many such sketches:

Dr. Schliemann, who had made a fortune at Nijni-Novgorod in tea and indigo, and was reputed to be worth £10,000 a year, was living with his young Greek wife in a fine house which he had built and entitled To Iliou Megaron, where he had a butler called Rhadamanthus. He was himself a short, measy-eyed, ugly little man, his hair shaven close to a bullety head, a grizzling moustache on his upper lip, and a collapsible figure. His conversation was without interest or imagination; but he was evidently, as his career showed, a man of stern will and inflexible purpose. He told me that, though a German by birth, he had written his books on Troy and Mycenæ in English, and afterwards had had them translated back into the German tongue.

WINTER BATHING FOR LONDON WOMEN.

KEN WOOD POND TO BE KEPT OPEN.

No longer, says the *Morning Post*, is the Spartan pastime of winter open-air bathing to be confined to the mere man. He probably thought that, at least, was one of the occupations in which he could retain his pre-eminence, but the weaker sex have decided otherwise, and, having approached the London County Council with a petition signed by between sixty and seventy women swimmers, have obtained from that body the promise that, providing sufficient support is forthcoming, they will keep Ken Wood Pond at Highgate open during the winter months.

Ken Wood Pond, a continuation of the three ponds on Parliament Hill was fenced off and reserved early this summer for the exclusive use of women swimmers. The water is deep, and only swimmers are permitted to use the pond. One of the ponds in Victoria Park is the only other open water in London reserved wholly for women. In other districts they have to be content with one, or perhaps two days a week, and certain specified hours, but Ken Wood is their own, all day and every day, and it has been an immense success during the summer, swimmers frequenting it from all parts of London.

A member of the London County Council presented a high diving stage and two spring boards, and there is always on duty a woman-attendant fully trained in life-saving methods and oarsmanship.

Having tasted the pond's joys in summer Eve is convinced that she will enjoy it, too, in winter, and she therefore proposes to shiver on the brink, and occasionally to break the ice, on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from ten until one and two until four, while Adam will be left to take his pre-breakfast header into the Serpentine.

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WHY PEOPLE WORRY.

"LARGELY BECAUSE OF BAD FOOD."

"The Great War had one wonderful effect. It altered the face of two professions," declared Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, in an address on "The New Health Society" at the fortnightly luncheon of the National Liberal Club, over which the Marquis of Lincolnshire presided. "People have become alive to the realities of life," he went on, "and are no longer prepared to accept old ideas and dogmas, and this has changed the Church and the medical profession. People have begun to think and are disturbed to find different views being held by members of the profession. The vast majority of the disabilities and diseases from which we suffer are due simply to ignorance—(hear, hear)—and it is a sad thing to feel that the poor, unfortunate savage whom we pretend to pity and on whom we inflict our creeds lives a more healthy life than we do. The native never gets cancer—the vilest of all complaints, which is decimating our people and increasing as we modify our food. Worry is the curse of civilisation, and it is due largely to our bad food. What we ought to do is put people back on the land, where they ought to be." (Hear, hear.) It was strange that while medical men were supposed to teach people what they should eat there was nobody to teach them what to teach. Doctors generally told people to eat what they (the doctors) liked best. (Laughter.) Within a very short while they hoped that some man of ample means would be able to put forward the money for a chair of dietetics in the University of London.

Holding up a roll which had been beside his plate, Sir William, amid laughter, said: "The curse of our age is that we are provided with white bread. I did not eat mine. You can't feed rats and mice on white bread, and yet you give it to your guests. I noticed that our distinguished chairman only drank water with his lunch. I am not at all sure that a little alcohol is not good for you. (Hear, hear, and applause.) I think in this vile climate of ours we want something to take the poor people out of their misery a little, if nothing else. If you got them back to the land they would be happy and wouldn't need to resort to artificial stimulants." (Cheers.)

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BERNARD SHAW IN FILM LAWSUIT.

"CHOCOLATE SOLDIER" RIGHTS DISPUTE.

ACTION BY PRODUCER.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw was one of the parties concerned in a motion heard recently by Mr. Justice Eve in the Chancery Court.

Mr. Jesse Arnold Levinson asked for an injunction to restrain Mr. Shaw from stating to film producers, exhibitors, and other persons interested in the production or exhibition of films in America or elsewhere, that any film entitled "The Chocolate Soldier," or based on the play known as "Der Tapfere Soldat," will infringe his copyright, or from interfering with the production of such a film by Mr. Levinson or his licensees.

Mr. MacGillevray (for Mr. Levinson) said that the motion was for an injunction to restrain Mr. Shaw from slandering Mr. Levinson's title to certain cinematograph rights. He did not think he could ask the judge to try the matter on affidavit evidence, and he therefore asked for facilities for a speedy trial of the action with witnesses.

Mr. Gover, K.C. (for Mr. Bernard Shaw) said he could not consent to the case being tried without pleadings. He would have submitted that the motion was misconceived.

Mr. MacGillivray said he could not resist the necessity of pleadings being prepared.

Mr. Gover said it was essential for the purpose of the pleadings that they should get hold of a copy of the libretto of the play "The Chocolate Soldier."

Mr. Justice Eve: Rather an old piece "The Chocolate Soldier."

Mr. Gover: It is the same play as Mr. Shaw's "Arms and the Man."

Mr. MacGillivray said the libretto might be necessary for the purposes of the trial.

Mr. Justice Eve said there would be no order on the motion except that the costs would be reserved. Facilities would be given for an early trial of the action.

FIVE MONKS REBUILD ANCIENT ABBEY.

AN ABBOT'S FAITH JUSTIFIED.

GREAT EDIFICE ON BANKS OF THE DART.

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The Vesper Hour.

When I arrived in the afternoon, Vespers were being chanted by the brethern in the vast church they had builded unto themselves and their faith. The sweetest-toned of organs accompanied them, and filled that stone stillness with the sombre strains of the Dead March in Saul after they had filed out to their tasks.

There was the inevitable group of visitors in the pews, and these visitors afterwards inspected the amazing monument to the labours of the Five Men.

The Abbey, which is in the Transitional Norman style—lofty, immense, and monastically austere—is, in its way, a modern miracle. It was started, on a January day of 1907, by the young Abbot Vonier, who had, as the raw material of his incredible dream, a heap of building material, £1 in money, Brother Peter, the master-mason, who was a skilled builder, and five other lay brothers willing to work under his direction and learn their craft.

Not a Dream.

More money was forthcoming. Day after day, often from morn to night, these Five Mason Monks, in their habits, laboured on. Over £20,000 has now been gathered in and expended in tools, plans, and material. Father Vonier's dream of a new Abbey rising phœnix-like from the old, which people told him was just "the folly of youth," is a reality.

A staunch, square granite tower now dominates the woods and cottages by the banks of the Dart. Before the six years elapse it will climb yet higher; the great lantern will surmount the finished cruciform edifice. The Five Mason Monks will rest awhile from their truly Promethean task—and then lay the first stone of a new chapter house, and carry on as before.

If any fall by the way, others of the lay brethern will step into their place. But their work, perhaps, will have earned them immortality.

An Ancient Statue.

A brother who took me round to-day showed me many surprising things. In the Chapel of Our Lady, in the northern transept, he pointed me to the statue of the Virgin. "From the knees downward," he said, "it is a fragment of a statue found buried here, which no doubt belonged to the original Abbey."

I looked and saw that while the upper part was new, the lower had merely been repainted, and the toes were missing from the Virgin's feet.

Edinburgh University Rectorial election result was as follows: Sir John Gilmour, M.P. (Con.), 1,027; Mr. J. M. Keynes (Lib.), 563; Mr. R. H. Tawney (Lab.), 238.

WORLD PROBLEM OF JAPAN.

875,385 MORE BIRTHS IN A YEAR.

DANGER TO PEACE.

Mr. Gonnoske Komai, the famous Japanese poet, recently contributed to the *Daily Express* the following article, which he entitles: "Puzzling Japan." The article, in spite of its touches of whimsicality, reveals an international problem of deep significance.

Once upon a time I used to pride myself in declaring:—

Had I a child,
'Twould be a gem,
Had I a wife,
She'd be a flower.

Now that I have got drawn to get married, in spite of my oft-repeated proud declaration, "I believe in single life," through the irresistible, all-conquering charm of our gentle sex, I have but to announce my complete capitulation, surrendering my humble self before the altar of the all-consuming feminine beauty.

As waters war with fire, and light with darkness fights, so nation wars with nation, man with man. Where, O where, is Peace?

War to the end, war, ever war. Sweet peace, who lives but in our dreams, then spread her azure wings and fled, and soon dissolved into the blue.

Whether Japan remains "second-rate once more" or not among the comity of nations, as New York proclaims, giving a summary of the views of leading diplomats on the changed outlook in the Pacific Ocean, it seems almost certain that Nippon is destined to have no peace at home, at least as far as her ever-increasing population is concerned.

Increase of 875,385.

The natural increase of the Japanese population in the year 1923 has just been officially announced. It is no fewer than 875,385—an increase of more than 125,000 over the average increase of 750,000 per year.

The extraordinary increase in Japan's population for the year 1925 is due to the fact that there were a greater number of births and a considerable decrease of deaths.

The actual number of births registered in Japan alone amounted during last year to 2,086,091, comprising 1,060,827 boys and 1,025,264 girls, and showing the ratio of increase of 34.92 per 1,000.

It is a matter of great interest to note the actual details of how such an unprecedented increase in Nippon's population came about.

The number of marriages registered reached 521,438, an increase of 3,308 compared with the preceding year, 1924. There were divorces of 51,687, showing a decrease of 83 cases, although the divorces in Japan are estimated much higher than those of other countries.

Besides the number of deaths, amounting to 1,208,706, consisting of 621,357 males and 587,349 females, there were 124,403 cases of still-birth, showing a decrease of 1,438 compared with the year 1924 (ratio, 2.08 per 1,000).

Totals.

If we add to the above those of Japan's dependencies—namely, Korea, Formosa, Saghalin, South Seas Islands, and Kwantung Province in Manchuria, as well as those outside the empire, we see:—

Marriages	525,181
Divorces	52,061
Births	2,127,437
Still-births	124,406
Deaths	1,229,222

The following will show the exact number of Nippon's population:—

	Oct. 1st, 1925.	Oct. 1st. 1920.	Number of the Increased.
Japan proper	59,736,704	55,963,053	3,773,651
Korea	19,519,927	18,264,119	2,255,808
Formosa	3,994,236	3,655,308	338,928
Saghalin	203,504	105,899	97,603
Sum total	83,454,371	78,988,379	6,465,990

Now a most important question which confronts not only the thinking Nipponese, but also the citizens of the world outside Japan arises: Whether Nippon's people are going to continue to increase for ever in such an astounding ratio?

Is it, then, safe for the future peace of the world to allow the present state of affairs of Japan's population to take its natural course unarrested?

THE ARCHBISHOP'S BREWERY.

RELIC OF "GOOD OLD DAYS" DEMOLISHED.

The old Brew House adjoining Lambeth Palace, where, until about forty years ago, beer was brewed for the Archbishops of Canterbury, is to be demolished and a parish institute for St. Mary's, Lambeth, is to be erected in its place.

The present building dates back to 1750, but Professor Claude Jenkins, librarian to the palace, states that a brew house has stood on the same site or near by since mediæval times. A fifteenth-century account in the library records that at one meal 111 gallons of beer were consumed by 163 people—but then beer was only 1d. a gallon.

Mrs. Randall Davidson, wife of the present Archbishop, who spent her youth in the palace, can remember the beer being brewed, and an 80-year-old retainer speaks highly of its quality. The Archbishop took the chair at the meeting at Lambeth Palace held to consider the raising of £10,000 for the new institute, Lord Darrington and the Rev. F. H. Gillingham being the chief speakers.

[This news brings to mind G. K. Chesterton's lament:

But water is on the Bishop's board
And the Higher Thinker's shrine;
But I don't care where the water goes
If it doesn't get into the Wine.]

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

WORK OF THE INSPECTORS FOR NOVEMBER.

THE COMBINED REPORT.

The following is a combined summary report of the work of the staff of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the month of November:—

Transport.

Poultry, crates	2,763
Poultry on trucks and lorries, loads	193
Poultry in junks and ferries, crates	119
Poultry by rail, crates	35
Pigs in junks	1,352
Pigs on trucks and in baskets	1,308
Pigs by rail	7
Cattle in junks	323
Cattle ashore	211
Sheep and goats ashore	130
Sheep and goats in junks	6
Terrapins, crates	2
Fox by rail	1
Dogs, Taipo Market	19
Cats, Taipo Market	24

Imports.

Poultry, crates	3,022
Pigs	13,869
Poultry by rail, crates	10
Pigs by rail	71
Cattle	1,678
Sheep and goats	1,781
Cages of birds	58
Baskets of frogs	13
Monkeys	14
Baskets of snakes	8
Rabbits	8
Cats	5
Owls	13
Lynx	3
Armadillo	1

Exports.

Poultry, crates	50
Pigs	394
Cattle	247
Sheep and goats	400
Cats	5
Bear	1

Visits.

Markets	90
Dealers' shops	21
Pig pens, Yaumati	4
Railway stations	27
Dogs' home	17
Bird shops	28
Landing places	74
Poultry depôts	84
Cattle depôt	18

Miscellaneous.

Ignorant cruelty cases corrected	16
Markets watched, times	36
Ferries watched, times	48
Caution given	1
Dogs received in Home during month	26
Dogs claimed in Home during month	8
Dogs sold in Home during month	2
Dogs died in Home during month	3
Dogs destroyed in Home during month	12

ROMAN CATHOLICS AND DIVORCE.

ENGLISH JUDGE ON RELIGIOUS SCRUPLES.

A wife, who refrained from asking for a divorce but sought a judicial separation, because she was a Roman Catholic, was before Mr. Justice Hill, in the Divorce Court, London, on November 8th. She was Mrs. Mary Alleyn, of Highlands, Shiplake, and she petitioned for a decree of judicial separation against her husband, Henry Matthew Alleyn, who did not defend.

Mrs. Alleyn said that she and her husband had been two years negotiating for a deed of separation, but she could never persuade him to sign one. She obtained information that he had stayed with another woman at Bognor and then she presented her petition for judicial separation.

Replying to Mr. Justice Hill, Mrs. Alleyn said she expected that her husband was still living with the other woman and would go on doing so even if the witness got a decree of judicial separation. She was a Roman Catholic, and her religious scruples would not allow her to divorce him.

"A Shocking Thing."

Mr. Justice Hill—It is a shocking thing that you should be separated so that he cannot come back to you and yet cannot marry the other woman. It is revolting.

Mrs. Alleyn—I have not thought of it from his point of view.

Mr. Justice Hill.—I quite understand and appreciate your religious objections to divorce, and sometimes after a judicial separation the wife hopes that the husband will come back. Sometimes, however, a wife asks for a judicial separation because she is under a complete misapprehension as to her future allowance.

Mr. Justice Hill added that he did not want to bring any pressure to bear on a petitioner who was actuated by religious views, though it was sometimes surprising that people with religious convictions sought the aid of the secular arm.

Mr. Mortimer, counsel for the wife, applied for an adjournment of the case for a week so that Mrs. Alleyn might consult her spiritual advisers.

His Lordship consented, remarking that if divorce were sought the petition would have to be amended accordingly. He found the husband's misconduct proved.

MIX UP ALLEGED AT THE MAGISTRACY.

BAILLEE OR BAILLOR?

When three Chinese were charged, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday morning, with causing an obstruction on the Praya, some amusement was aroused by a mix-up of two Chinese—a baillee and a baillor.

The first defendant when called to the dock, strongly denied having been arrested on the Praya. He told the Court that he went to the Police Station in response to a telephone message to bail out two *fokis*, and when he arrived at the Police Station, he said he was pushed into the dock and charged.

An Indian sergeant said that that was not the case, and that he himself arrested the man and took him to the Station.

Divisional Inspector P. Grant said that there had possibly been a mix-up with another case, in which two *fokis*, employed by another defendant, were charged. He asked for a remand in order that the European sergeant on duty might be called. The second and third defendants were fined $5 each, and the case against the alleged "wrong person" was adjourned till this morning.

BROTHERS' FRACAS.

AN ATTEMPT TO STAB YOUNGER BROTHER.

Two brothers who were engaged in a fight, in the course of which one took out a knife and made an attempt to stab the other, was the subject of a case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

Defendant pleaded that what occurred was an accident. He happened to have a knife in his hand when his younger brother pushed him.

The youngest brother stated that he saw his two brothers having a dispute, which developed into a fight. The eldest brother, who was the defendant in the case, struck the first blow.

His Worship said he did not believe it was all an accident, but in view of the fact that they were brothers, he would not impose any punishment. The defendant would have to sign a personal bond to keep the peace for six months.

SUCCESSFUL POLICE TRAP.

ALLEGED DEMAND FOR COMPENSATION.

A cobbler's apprentice made a complaint to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs that he had received a demand for compensation on account of injuries which he was alleged to have inflicted when intervening in a fight on behalf of a small boy who was being attacked by three others. He said he was further threatened with personal injury if the $3 demanded was not paid.

The cobbler's apprentice was given by the police three dollars in notes, all distinctly marked, and instructed to hand the money over at a tea-house. This plan was duly carried out, and two men found with the marked money in their possession were brought up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, yesterday morning, at the Central Magistracy charged with unlawfully demanding money.

The case was adjourned.

B.B.C. PREFERS FRENCH-WOMEN?

HOW AN ENGLISH ARTISTE GOT A HEARING.

"How I hoaxed the B.B.C." would be an appropriate title for an amusing little comedy, in which an English actress, unable to secure a broadcasting engagement when she applied in her own name, afterwards obtained a contract by pretending she was a French performer.

The artiste, Miss Betty Boldton, the comedienne, and a fluent French linguist, wanted the experience of appearing before the microphone.

First she made her application to the British Broadcasting Company, but was disappointed.

"Best Broken."

"Then, a few days later, in my best broken English," she told the *Westminster Gazette*, "I asked, as Mlle. Mimi Lafleur, to have an interview with 'ze wireless gentleman who arranges ze engagements.'

"My only 'disguise' was a complete change of dress and an attempt to adopt a French personality.

"Evidently, it was a successful pose, for 'Mimi Lafleur, French comedienne, in light ballads, with guitar accompaniment,' gave a performance at the London station early in November.

"Whether my unseen audience was entertained or bored I don't know," added Miss Bolton, laughingly—"but, anyway, I broadcast."

ALTRUISTIC LAWYERS.

A NEW MOVE IN CANTON.

THE EXODUS TO WUCHANG.

TALK OF A COMMERCIAL AEROPLANE SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Merchants, landlords, and all persons possessing a little wealth in Canton—they are described as "capitalists" or "van-guards of imperialism"—will, in future, have another organized force against them, in addition to the unions and adherents of the Communist Party. Kuomintang lawyers have just organized a Legal Aid Society, offering to appear as counsels free to all workers and "oppressed people" in case the latter have trouble with their employers.

The New Capital.

Upon the departure of the Kuomintang leaders for Wuchang on December 5th, all troops remaining in Kwangtung will be put under the command of the Commissioner for Military Affairs of Kwangtung, a new post to be assumed by General Li Tsai Hsin. General Li Tsai Hsin is also a member of the Kwangtung Provincial Commission, which Commission, now composed of eleven members, will be the governing body in Canton after the removal of the Kuomintang Headquarters.

Liberal concessions are being promised to Chinese now in Canton who will proceed to Wuchang and Hankow to start business there, and it is understood that certain enterprising individuals are planning to build a million dollar hotel at the new "Kuomintang Capital."

According to Kuomintang reports, the Kuomintang Aviation Bureau has recently imported 25 aeroplanes from Russia. Some of these machines which have already been unpacked at Whampoa will, it is said, be used for commercial purposes in transporting passengers and mails between Hankow and Canton by way of Changsha and Nanchang.

The Trouble in the Rice Trade.

The right of employers to organize and to decide upon a general policy regarding their employees has been denied to Canton rice merchants. The rice merchants have petitioned the Kuomintang to stop labour pickets blockading their shops and depôts but the Kuomintang have simply replied, "You arrange with your employees for a settlement." Since the strike in the rice trade the price of rice has risen more than 10 per cent. Some 18 large rice firms have received threatening letters, hinting that, unless they agree to the terms set forth by their employees, their names will be included among those charged with having sold rice to "anti-Reds."

Fish-mongers in Kongmoon are threatening to suspend business as a protest against a new Kuomintang tax on the sale of fish. The tax is 40 cents on each picul of fish brought to the market.

Since November 20th, workmen and students in Pakhoi, Limchow, have been on strike, as a protest against tyranny and heavy taxation. Complaints have been lodged with the Canton Kuomintang authorities by three representatives of the local residents who are now in Canton presenting petitions for relief in person.

Canton Water Works.

The shareholders of the Canton Water Supply Company have called an extraordinary general meeting for December 5th to protest against the recent "nationalization" of their property. The Chinese in Hong Kong and other Ports are greatly interested in the case, which is regarded as furnishing a test whether or not a political party dominating a territory may take over property belonging to incorporated bodies.

TRADE REPORTS.

CANTON AND SWATOW.

Reports from Canton and Swatow do not show much material change in the trade position.

The *Taishan* brought down a fair amount of cargo from Canton on Tuesday but the *Fatshan* yesterday only carried the usual amount of produce.

A message from Swatow says that no British goods are entering the Port but British vessels are carrying and working Chinese cargo without any trouble.

THE CANTON SURTAXES.

HOW THEY ARE COLLECTED IN SWATOW.

A MOVE OF CALCULATIONS.

MYSTERIOUS EXTRAS.

[SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

The Swatow Office of the New Inland Tax Bureau opened on November 8th. Notices were published in some of the local Chinese papers instructing the public that importers and exporters of goods were required to file with the new Office identical import and export applications as presented to the Maritime Customs. Further, Maritime Customs Duty Memos were required at the new office *before* Duty has been paid to the Customs, to facilitate calculation of the 2½% surtax: the theory being that exactly half of the Customs Duty charged would be levied by the new office. Payment of the surtax is rigidly restricted to banknotes of the Central Kuomintang Government Bank, which, though a close monopoly and an officially "forced" *small-coin* currency, fluctuate daily in terms of Mexican Silver dollars.

When the 2½% Surtax was first instituted in Canton the general idea was that the Canton Government decided to simplify matters by halving exactly the amount due to the Chinese Maritime Customs. In theory, and possibly in Canton, it is all very simple. An importer presents his application to the Customs, either supports it with original invoices or has his goods examined, duty is assessed thereon and the amount chargeable is stated on the Duty Memo. in Haikuan Taels. He converts the taels into Mexican dollars *at the fixed rate* of Haikuan Tls. 1=Mex. $1.5665 and pays into the Customs, or into the Customs' bankers, the required sum in Mexican dollars. Then the importer goes to the 2½% Tax Bureau and—in theory and possibly in Canton—he pays exactly half of the amount paid to the Customs. But in Swatow—No! Simplicity seems to have been deliberately avoided and methods, tortuous beyond all reason, shady past belief, have been instituted. A merchant, wishing to import goods into Swatow, must apply in the usual manner to the Maritime Customs. When eventually he obtains his Duty Memo. he must, before paying the duty to the Customs, take the Memo. round to the new Tax Office to be assessed for the 2½% Surtax.

Instead of dividing the Customs amount by two and making an end of the matter the following maze of calculation takes place jointly between Tax Office and Merchant. (An hypothetical case of a Customs Duty Memo. of Haikuan Tls. 100 is taken to point the argument).

Customs Duty	H.K. Tls. 100.00	
half thereof	H.K. Tls. 50.00	
Charcoal Money—or the cost of melting down imaginary sycee silver @ Tls. 0.002 per Tael		.10
	H.K. Tls. 50.10	
10% Surtax for the relief of Famine in Kiangsi and Hupeh—on Tls. 50		5.00
	H.K. Tls. 55.10	
plus H.K. Tls. 0.40 per Tls. (minimum) for clerical work...		.40
	H.K. Tls. 55.50	
converted into Central Bank notes at a daily fluctuating rate fixed by the Tax Office now about 1.80	=	$99.90

Having arrived at this amount of Central Bank notes $99.90 the merchant has to go into the Exchange Market or to the Central Bank itself, preferably the former, and sell his silver dollars to purchase the notes. This he has to do also at a daily fluctuating rate, the notes being quoted at present at about 89.

One or two points in the above analysis call for comment. Firstly, What is Charcoal Money? What has the Swatow Department of the Canton Government got to do with the imaginary process of melting down imaginary sycee silver?

Secondly, when was there a famine in Kiangsi and Hupeh? Who caused it? How much of the extra 10% charged goes to famine relief?

Thirdly, who is responsible for the charge of 4 Haikuan mace per Tls. 100, for clerical work? Is this charge made in Canton or is it merely a bright notion that came into the heads of the youngsters who run the local office?

(*Continued on next Column.*)

And lastly, why does the Tax Office, when giving its official receipt for surtax paid in, deliberately omit all details of the "extras" noted above?

Whether the Kuomintang will answer these queries or not there is no denying the inherent right of a taxpayer to put the questions. In Swatow this Surtax is already nearly 3%, by Chinese New Year it might well be 5% or 10%—what about it?

In conclusion a word might usefully be said, firstly about the methods of the local surtax office in their relations with British firms and, secondly about the political implications of the Surtax.

To this day not a single foreign firm in Swatow has received official notification concerning the new Surtax. Consuls, Commissioners for Foreign Affairs, The Surtax Office itself—all are silent. It was unlikely therefore that foreign firms would, on the opening day, rush round to the Surtax Office with dollars clinking and notes crackling in their pockets, scrambling over each other in their haste to pay. The foreign firms preserved a silence almost as discreet as their Consuls. The result was that on November 19th a certain British firm received several visits from a gang of hooligans, officially described as "watchers" for the Surtax Office, armed with a warrant for the summary arrest of the firm's Chinese manager. The latter was threatened with imprisonment, etc., if he did not instantly report to the Surtax Office and pay the 2½% on everything imported by the firm since November 8th. Fortunately the European manager was on the spot and with difficulty succeeded in pacifying an exceedingly bad-tempered and loud-voiced "head-watcher." The firm in question approached the Consul for advice and his reply was that the British Government had, in common with other foreign governments, protested against the Surtax and declared that it was illegal. But, said the Consul, "if you do not want your Chinese molested you had better interview the Surtax office yourself." This advice was followed to the letter, although the Manager of the Surtax Office was rude enough to break two definite appointments which he made.

There was a vague general idea abroad when the 2½% Surtax was launched that it was rather a neat little exchange. After all the consumer paid in the end so why not let the Canton Government raise some money. Now, after British firms in Swatow have paid the 2½% (nominal) 3% (actual) surtax, the boycott of British goods has been re-imposed.

What is the next move?

ONE SHARE ALLOTTED.

A FARMING COMPANY'S APPLICATION.

At the Supreme Court yesterday, before Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice) Mr. Somerset Fitzroy applied for extension of time on behalf of the Kin Yip Investment and Farming Company of Fanling for the allotment of a share.

It was explained that the Company was a limited liability one with a capital of $75,000 divided into 150 shares of $500 each. In the absence of the chief manager, one share had been allotted and the acting manager had failed to comply with the regulation.

Extension of time until December 2nd was granted.

NEW SOLICITOR.

MR. HORACE LO ADMITTED.

At the Supreme Court yesterday, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp (the Attorney-General) applied for the admission and enrolment as a solicitor in Hong Kong of Mr. Horace Lo.

Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice) in granting the application said he was pleased to do so, and wished Mr. Lo a successful career.

Mr. Lo is a brother of Messrs. M. K. and M. W. Lo and is now a partner in the firm. He was educated in Queen's College, and while there obtained the "Junior Morrison," "Ho Fook," and the "Senior Morrison" scholarships, the latter being, of course, the most coveted prize. He left Queen's College in 1918 when he matriculated, and went to the Hong Kong University, where he studied in the Arts Faculty for two years.

He was articled to Mr. M. K. Lo in November 1921 and went to England on the 30th January, 1924, and whilst there he attended the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo's London agents, Messrs. Darley, Cumberland & Co., and went through a course of legal studies with the well-known firm of law coachers, Messrs. Gibson and Weldon. He returned to the Colony in September, 1925.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PIRACY PREVENTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The following complaint might interest the Powers-that-be who define Piracy Prevention Regulations.

I am a constant traveller up North, and have always taken passage by either B. & S. or China Merchants' boats. On several of my trips, I noticed that, before the steamer sailed and searching for contraband was in progress, one or two of the Chinese searchers would invariably ask passengers bringing a large number of trunks, &c., for $5 per trunk or a lump sum for all the luggage, and searching would be dispensed with. If their request was not acceded to, an example would be set by having one of the trunks opened and ransacked from top to bottom, and every piece of clothing unfolded and bundled up on the bed. Of course passengers carrying a large number of trunks would be intimidated as they do not wish their belongings to be spread out in like manner after all the trouble they have taken to have them properly packed up, and would accede to the request for payment after a bargain had been struck. I do not wish to insinuate that all Chinese searchers are alike; indeed some are very keen in their duty for promotion's sake, yet the amount of "squeeze" obtained by this method is abnormal. I was thus approached once by a searcher, but I flatly refused to consider his demands.

Of course, if this practice continues, would-be pirates and smugglers have the trump card in their hands, and could, if they come across one of these avaricious searchers, escape search and detection quite easily. Unconsciously, these men are aiding smuggling, and in fact, can be called accomplices to so many undesired and undetected miscreants in the Colony.

I would suggest that posters be shown on board the ships to the effect that on no account should passengers bribe Police searchers, and that if found out, a penalty would be imposed.—Yours faithfully,

REFORMER.

[ED. NOTE: Our correspondent deals with a subject which has been ventilated on many previous occasions. It is admitted that there may be dishonest searchers but they cannot be detected unless the passengers will denounce them to the police and this the passengers invariably refuse to do. It might help matters if notices were posted announcing that anyone found giving money to searchers would be prosecuted, but the real solution of the difficulty lies in the co-operation of the public with the European officials. If our correspondent, for example, when approached by a searcher for "squeeze" had immediately reported the matter some practical good might have been done.]

"TAISHAN" TRAGEDY.

AMERICAN ARMY CAPTAIN'S DEATH.

Captain Ellis D. Weigle, of the 91st Coast Artillery of the U.S. Army, was found dead in a bathroom on board the s.s. *Taishan*, shortly after her arrival in Hong Kong on Tuesday night.

The body was discovered by a cabin boy, and it was apparent that deceased had been violently sick before he died. Some crystals and bromide tabloids were found in the room.

Deceased went up to Canton the previous day, and boarded the *Taishan* on Tuesday a few minutes before she left. He disappeared and was not seen again until his body was discovered. In his pockets were found six gold dollars (American) and $2 local currency, together with a ticket to Japan by the N.D.L. s.s. *Yorck*. Also in his possession was a passport issued at Manila on Nov. 13.

Deceased is said to be the son of Major-General William Weigle, one of the most distinguished of the senior officers of the United States Army.

On enquiry at the American Consulate yesterday, it was stated that deceased had not called there prior to going to Canton the previous day. A message had been sent to the Consul at Manila concerning the disposal of the body. It is likely that the body will be removed to Manila for burial.

EUROPEAN ARRESTED.

ALLEGED POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

A European, who is alleged to have had opium in his possession, was arrested yesterday morning by Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office.

Further details were not available up to a late hour last night, but it was stated that the accused man would be formally charged this morning at the Central Magistracy.

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COLUMBIA NEW-PROCESS RECORDS.

ALDERSHOT SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO. Parts 1 and 2

Part 1. First Post (Bugles); Bugle Marches and Band; Georgia; Le Clarion Anglais; The Rifles.
Bugles of H.M. ROYAL HORSE GUARDS (Blues) and Band of H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS

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Part 2.—Oriental Music: In a Chinese Temple Garden; Entry of Drums and Fifes; The Red Cloak, March; Trumpeters; Cavalry Mess Call; Stables; Old English Fanfare.
Trumpeters of H.M. ROYAL HORSE GUARDS (Blues) and Band of H.M. GRENADIER GUARDS

ALDERSHOT SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO. Parts 3 and 4

Part 3.—Entry of Pipe Band: The Back of Bennachie, March; Strathspey; Miss Drummond of Perth; Reel; Reel of Tulloch; March; Road to the Isles; Slow March; Highland Cradle Song.
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Hong Kong, December 1st, 1926. [4251

NOTICE.

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ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof to the Undersigned.

Dated the 1st day of December, 1926.

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Hong Kong.

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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SECOND TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, AT 9.15 P.M. AT THE

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

15 ROUND CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST
C.P.O. JIM CARTLIDGE
(Royal Naval Yard)
v.
STOKER NORMAN MORRIS
(H.M.S. *Hermes*);
also
10 ROUND HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
P.O. FRANCIS
(H.M.S. *Tilania*)
v.
STOKER HOWARD
(H.M.S. *Herald*);
and
FOUR SIX ROUND CONTESTS.

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OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM CITY HALL, HONG KONG.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1926,
AT 5.45 P.M.

The Public is Cordially Invited to Attend. [4208

FANLING HUNT RACES.

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1926.

ENTRIES for the STEEPLECHASE MEETING at KWANTI RACE COURSE CLOSE on SATURDAY, 4TH DECEMBER to A. H. POTTS, c/o BENJAMIN & PORTS from whom Entry Forms may be obtained. [4248

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 6th day of December, 1926, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Stubb's Road in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of HIS MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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INTIMATIONS.

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL on TUESDAY, 28TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Members wishing to attend are requested to notify the Undersigned as soon as possible.

R. E. LINDSELL,
(Joint Secretary),
THE MAGISTRACY.

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PAUL LAUDEB,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1926. [4213

NOTICE.

TENDERS.

THE Public is Hereby Informed that TENDERS will be Received by the "BUREAU DU CHEF DU TERRITOIRE DE KOUANG TCHEOU WAN" at FORT-BAYARD, until MONDAY, 17TH OF JANUARY, 1927, 3 P.M., for the Filling Up of the DARSE to the level of the Village of FAILLOTTES (Fort-Bayard)

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The Perusal of the Documents regarding this Tender can be effected every Open Day, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M., at:—

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The FRENCH CONSULATE, Hong Kong.
The SECRETARY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE at Haiphong and Sigon.

Fort-Bayard, November 17th, 1926. [4241

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 2ND, 1926.

HOW TO CURB MISCHIEF-MAKERS AT HOME.

OUR London Correspondent has referred this week to a demand on the part of Conservatives to curb the malevolent activities of extremists in the Trade Unions. It is a notorious fact that these great combinations of organised Labour are mainly controlled by men who are politically under foreign inspiration, and who boast that they desire to destroy the British system of Government and replace it by a Soviet. Numerically these crack-brained wire-pullers are insignificant; intellectually they are contemptible; but it so happens that they have power in the Unions. They fill the executive offices. They are to be discovered as leaders or secretaries of local branches, and as delegates to national conferences. Under the name of the Minority Movement they undoubtedly exercise great influence. This has been fully demonstrated in connection with the General Strike and the devastating coal stoppage. By means of the General Strike they hoped to terrorise the nation into a submission to their will; and subsequently by closing down coal supplies for six months they hoped to destroy the industries of the country. The capitalist system would, they reasoned, fall to pieces. That they failed in their designs is not due to lack of effort, but because no section or class can ever dominate the British nation.

The view is, however, strongly held by Conservative opinion in England that it is high time to end this state of things. It is intolerable that a nation of forty millions should be subjected to incalculable suffering and loss through the machinations of revolutionary plotters—"a twopenny ha'penny gang of conspirators," as Mr. CHURCHILL aptly dubbed them the other day. Hence the demand for Government action. Prompt legislation is called for to bring the Trade Unions under the law in the matter of strikes. It is common knowledge that the Unions are now being used, not for the legitimate object of dealing with conditions of work and wages, but to achieve the political ends of so-called leaders. In recent years strikes on a national scale have been declared without consulting the members of the Unions concerned, and when a ballot has been taken it has been done in circumstances which permit the local committees to know exactly how the men have voted. In practice the moderate men do not vote at all. Thus the coal strike was undertaken on the vote of a minority of the miners. One of the first steps to deal effectively with strikes is, therefore, obviously to impose by law on all Trade Unions the obligation to take a ballot under proper supervision. The ballot should be secret as in the case of a Parliamentary election. Only by such means can it be possible to get the real opinion of the general body of workers whether they desire to "down tools." The advocates of reform who are pressing their views upon the Government place this in the fore-front of their programme; and on the face of it nothing can well seem more reasonable or more in accordance with democratic usage.

But we learn that although Mr. BALDWIN and all the other members of the Cabinet are sympathetic, they are not likely to meet the demand for action as promptly or as fully as their supporters in Parliament or in the country desire. But feeling is so strong that a policy of masterly inactivity will never do. Ministers realise this, and accordingly experts in the Civil Service are engaged in a private investigation into the subject. Stated in a sentence, the problem before the experts is—How can a secret ballot be imposed effectively upon Trade Unionists and other bodies of workers before a strike is permitted? All sorts of difficulties are said to abound. It is asked whether a ballot should be confined to vital industries only and to threatened stoppages of a national character, or should it be made comprehensive to all sections of industry and trade and to sectional disputes? If the ballot is enforced should the voting be extended to non-unionists as well as trade unionists? At what stage in a threatened dispute should a ballot be taken and who should frame the questions? Which would be the most practical way of taking a ballot—viz., by a postal referendum; on the lines of a municipal election with local ballot booths; or by a ballot at trade union offices under supervision? There are also the important matter of cost of ballot and the question of the register of persons entitled to vote.

Obviously these are points that have to be taken into consideration. They are practical questions, and they have to be fairly met and disposed of before legislation can be properly framed. We understand that one proposal which is being urged upon the Government is that a clause should be inserted in the constitution of every Trade Union making it illegal for the members to cease work until a two-thirds majority has been obtained by a secret ballot carried out by officials of the Union under the superintendence of the Ministry of Labour. The Minister of Labour would be responsible for drafting the questions after consultation with officials of the Union. This seems to us practicable. At any rate, we cannot believe that the problem is insoluble. As things stand, the people of Great Britain are without adequate protection against the enemies of Constitutional Government and popular liberty; and just as in the past means were found for dealing with tyrannies, so at the present time means can surely be devised for suppressing the tyranny of a minority of men misled by a group of recalcitrants who are in a position to inflict grievous injury upon the whole community. The right to strike is indisputable. But the right of men to decide freely and without intimidation whether the strike should or should not take place is also indisputable and a secret ballot appears to offer this security.

Two Chinese cases of enteric fever were reported on Monday.

During the 24 hours ended November 30th two Chinese cases of enteric fever were reported.

Money and jewellery, to the value of $79, was stolen in a burglary which occurred in the small hours of yesterday morning at No. 40, Wing Lok Street.

A Jumble sale is being held to-day at the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, by the ladies of the Church on behalf of charitable objects. There will be an attractive display of articles for sale.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly in Hong Kong between Mr. Robert Lythgoe Read, Shanghai, and Miss Jean Vallance Fleming, sister of Mr. John Fleming, of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.

The annual street sale of roses, as announced yesterday, will be held to-day on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the Poor of Hong Kong. This sale will be followed on Sunday by the 43rd annual fête of the Society at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Compound, from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.

There are two Home mails due in this week-end. The *Shirala* arrives on Sunday with Home letters and papers *vid* Negapatam and the s.s. *Atsuta Maru* is due on Saturday with Home and Europe mail *vid* Siberia. This vessel will also carry the outward mail for Home *vid* Suez and Marseilles this week-end.

A little Chinese girl, six years of age, who was placed under the care of Mrs. Blake, the proprietress of the Carlton Hotel, was reported to the Police on Monday as having disappeared from the Carlton Hotel. She was later found by the Police wandering about at West Point, and returned to her guardian.

Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, the Assistant Colonial Secretary, is proceeding Home on leave of the s.s. *Macedonia* on December 28th. He was supposed to leave later, but ill-health has necessitated an earlier departure. It is understood that Mr. D. W. Tratman will act as Assistant Colonial Secretary and that Mr. E. L. Agassiz will again be Official Receiver.

A Chinese cook employed at the Royal Artillery's Mess was found by the Police early yesterday morning engaged in boiling opium in the servants' quarters. A quantity of prepared opium was also found on the premises. On the first count he was sentenced to three months' hard labour and on the second a fine of $500 was imposed with the alternative of three months' hard labour. The case was heard at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The case in which a Chinese, who described himself as an official of the Labour Maintenance Bureau, was charged with impersonating a police officer and unlawfully searching a Chinese coolie in a latrine, and stealing 75 cents and two jackets from the coolie, was resumed yesterday morning before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy. Accused was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, who applied for bail. His Worship allowed bail in the sum of $500, and the case was then adjourned.

This evening will be "Ladies' Night" at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, when members will entertain their lady friends. A large, if not larger attendance than on a similar occasion a few weeks ago, is expected. The programme arranged to follow the dinner will include the first appearance of the Y.M. Nigger troupe, or as they prefer to be called, "The White Coons." The Dramatic Society are also putting on a short sketch, entitled "Coffee Black," which is, we are informed, quite different from the usual type of playlet.

The news has reached the Colony of the death at Eastbourne, England, on November 29th, of Mrs. W. R. Hillyer, wife of Mr. Hillyer, an Assistant Boarding Officer at the local Harbour Office, who, with the late Mrs. Hillyer, proceeded on leave some six months ago from Hong Kong. The death of Mrs. Hillyer, who was only 27 years of age, took place subsequent to the birth of a son. The late Mrs. Hillyer was the daughter of Mr. G. F. Taylor, Officer in Charge of Green Island and Sub-Inspector of Lighthouses. Death followed an attack of haemorrhage, and in spite of blood transfusion, Mrs. Hillyer failed to recover.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory at 5.20, stated:—

The V shaped depression is moving eastward and now covers. An anticyclone appears to be forming over China. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds moderate, overcast, improving later.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

HOW IT IS REGARDED IN LONDON.

STOCK EXCHANGE DEPRESSED.

LONDON JOURNAL'S COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 1st.

The gravity of the situation in China is reflected on the Stock Exchange. General depression reigned in practically all sections particularly in Chinese bonds, in which there has been a severe slump, dealing becoming largely a matter of negotiation.

The *Westminster Gazette*, in a leader, declares that it is impossible for the Powers to send expeditions to the interior of China on the side of any of the rival factions against others. "Whatever happens, we cannot repeat in China the disastrous experiments of the Wrangel and Denikin expeditions in Russia." The journal attributes the Bolshevist influence to procrastination of the Powers with regard to reforms promised at the Washington Conference, and is partly due to the veiled dissensions which at critical moments prevented a substantial forward step. The paper suggests that a good beginning would be to adopt without hesitation the extraterritorial commission's report.

CANTONESE VICTORY.

THE ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE FOOCHOW FAILS.

FOREIGNERS BEING PROTECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FOOCHOW, December 1st.

General Chang Yi, with 10,000 men, retreating northwards from Hingwha after defeat by the Cantonese, has attempted to capture Foochow.

The present position of General Chang Yi and his troops is obscure, as is also the situation here.

Admiral Sah Chen Ping, the Civil Governor, is protecting South Island and the foreign district with the navy.

All is quiet at present.

[It will be recalled that it was reported that General Chang Yi and his troops had evacuated Chuan Chow, and embarked for Foochow. A later report, however, stated that he retreated in the direction of Hingwha to a certain point, where the troops laid down their arms, and, as previously arranged, became an integral part of the Nationalist Revolutionary Army. As soon as this force was reorganised on the lines of the Nationalist Army, General Chang Yi was expected to lead the advanced attack on General Chow Yum Yan, one of the defenders of Fukien Provinces.]

CHINA UNDER OBSERVATION.

M. BRIAND ON THE SITUATION.

WHAT FOREIGN EJECTION WOULD MEAN.

PARIS, November 30th.

Speaking in the Chamber and dealing with the situation in China, M. Briand said that France had adopted a policy of moderation, compatible and in accord with other nations having common interests. It was not France's business to intervene in the internal politics of another country, but it must not be forgotten that there was a French railway in Yunnan and that China was contiguous to French Indo-China in that region. Countries like Britain and France, with concessions in China, were often dubbed predatory in their civilisation but their ejection would mean a return to barbarism. We shall not allow French throats to be cut and we shall keep a sharp eye on events, though we have no desire to be compelled to intervene."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S.A. and Extrality.

WASHINGTON, November 30th.

Mr. Kellogg State Secretary, is studying the report of the China Extra-territoriality Commission with a view to deciding what should be done to carry out its recommendations.

Under the resolution of the Washington Arms Conference these recommendations are not binding on any country and the Administration does not feel that it is obliged to act jointly with other Powers. It is expected, however, that some steps will be taken to correct the abuses criticised by the Commission.

The only recommendation requiring Congressional legislation here, is the suggestion that Chinese laws should be used as far as possible in Extra-Territorial Courts, which might hinder an appeal to the higher courts of this country unless authorised by Congress.

THE BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY FUNDS

DELEGATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ENDORSED.

ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS.

A SUGGESTION REJECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 1st.

Issued in the form of a voluminous Blue Book, the Report of the China Indemnity Advisory Committee endorses the recommendations of Lord Willingdon of a delegation comprising, notably, the formation of a Board of Trustees—six Chinese and five British, including at least one woman—while the Chinese and the British Governments will be entitled to appoint an observer to attend the board meetings.

For the guidance of the Board, the Committee advises that the percentages available from the funds, estimated at £350,000 annually should be allocated as follows:

Agriculture and Education, 30 per cent.
Scientific Research, 23 per cent.
Education, Medicine, Public Health, and Grants to Hospitals, 17 per cent.
Other Purposes, 30 per cent.

The Committee also recommends that arrangements be made to raise between £3,500,000 and £5,200,000 during the years 1927-31 for investment in constructive work beneficial to the Chinese people, preferably in railway construction and the like, the completion of the Hankow-Canton Railway, otherwise in conservancy work, like the Chihli River conservancy and the Huai River conservancy.

The report emphatically applauds Lord Willingdon and the delegation's rejection of the suggestion that the money should be allowed to accumulate pending the re-establishment of stabler conditions.

RUMANIA'S QUEEN, KING AND PRINCE.

A LITTLE COUNTRY IN "THE LIME LIGHT."

PARIS, December 1st.

Queen Marie's return from America has brought to the forefront the position of the ex-Crown Prince Carol with regard to the succession, especially in view of the reports of the precariousness of the health of the King.

General Angelescu, Marshal of the Rumanian Court, interviewed at Cherbourg, prior to the landing of Queen Marie, said the succession to the throne was definitely and constitutionally settled. It was impossible for Prince Carol to return to Rumania. He saw Prince Carol in Paris, and he had formally promised not to attempt a *coup d'etat*.

Following the publication of the interview, Prince Carol, in a statement denying his conversation with Angelescu, referred to his renouncement of the Throne. Prince Carol had not met his mother on her arrival in Paris.

The King's Appeal.

BUKHAREST, December 1st.

A letter from King Ferdinand to Premier Averescu, read in the Senate, says that happily his health and strength are returning. He is confident of his ability to fulfil his duty to his country, and nobody can doubt his constant solicitude to fulfil that duty, as was proved when it was necessary to sacrifice the personal bonds and put a stop to the errors and indecisions of a well-loved child. The King appeals to all loyal Rumanians to form a rampart round the Throne and enforce respect for the decisions and acts of the King.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

IRAK AIR FORCE REDUCED.

COUNTRY MORE PEACEFUL.

RUGBY, November 30th.

It is understood that it has been decided to reduce the strength of the Royal Air Force in Irak, after to-morrow, from eight to seven squadrons. This reduction has been made possible by the more settled state of things in that country. The squadron which is to be disbanded is number one, which is stationed at Hinaidi and commanded by Squadron Leader Cyril Lower the famous international rugby footballer.

The squadron will be reformed in the New Year as a Home Defence unit.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

SPEAKING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

WILL SOON BE PRACTICABLE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 1st.

Sir Ernest Rutherford, in his presidential address on "Radio Communication" to the Royal Society last night, referred to the successful experiments in Trans-Atlantic wireless telephony between Rugby Station and the United States at Long Island. He said it would soon be practicable to connect any telephone subscriber in Western Europe with any telephone subscriber on the North American continent.

"ORIGIN OF THE WAR."

BRITISH DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

NINTH VOLUME OF HISTORICAL WORK JUST PUBLISHED.

RUGBY, December 1st.

Exceptional historical interest attaches to the ninth volume issued to-day of "British Documents on the Origin of the War 1898-1914, the editors of which are Mr. G. P. Gooch, President of the Historical Association, and Major H. W. V. Temperley. The interest centres on Foreign Office papers of June 18th to August 4th, 1914, collected and arranged by Mr. J. W. Headlam Morley, the historical adviser to the Foreign Office. These are in telegrams and despatches from British Ambassadors in Berlin, Moscow, Paris and elsewhere, sent at that period, and some notable minutes thereon by Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, Sir Arthur Nicolson, Permanent Under-Secretary and the late Sir Eyre Crowe, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

A German translation of the volume is being issued simultaneously in Berlin.

LT-COMDR. KENWORTHY RE-ELECTED.

WHY HE LEFT THE LIBERAL PARTY.

RUGBY, November 30th.

The result of the by-election in Central Hull was declared to-day. The by-election was created by Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy going over from the Liberal Party to the Labour Party, and seeking re-election as a Labourite. He retains the seat having obtained 16,145 votes against Admiral Gaunt (Conservative) 11,466, and Lieut.-Colonel Kerr (Liberal) 2,885.

At the last General Election Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy, as a Liberal, polled 15,234 votes in a straight fight with Admiral Gaunt his present Conservative opponent who received 12,904 votes.

The result is considered to be in the nature of a personal rather than a party triumph, Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy being very popular as a politician and extremely active in his advocacy of many causes. His reason for his secession from Liberal Party, is, he declares that the Liberals could not longer offer effective opposition to the Conservatives and that the splits in the Liberal Party had rendered any prospects of its early return to power impossible.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A Labour Gain.

LONDON, November 30th.

The result of the Central Hull by-election, due to Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy's joining the Labour Party, resulted as follows:—

Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Kenworthy (Labour)	16,145
Commander L. E. Gaunt (Conservative)	11,466
Lieutenant-Col. M. A. Kerr (Liberal)	2,885

The result is a Labour gain from the Liberals.

ANOTHER BRITISH BYE-ELECTION.

GOVERNMENT RETAIN CHELMSFORD.

LONDON, December 1st.

The Chelmsford bye-election, due to the retirement of Sir Curtis Bennett, resulted as follows:—

Lieut.-Colonel Howard Bury (Conservative), 13,395.
S. W. Robinson (Liberal), 8,435.
Major Moller (Labour), 6,140.

COAL STOPPAGE ALL BUT OVER.

EXPECTED TO BE AT AN END TO-DAY.

NORMAL CONDITIONS RETURNING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 1st.

The coal stoppage should be at an end throughout the country to-morrow. The small Cumberland area is the only district where a settlement has not yet been reached and the ballot which is being completed there to-day is expected to favour a return to work.

There is considerable variation in the terms reached in the districts. The conditions of coal-getting differ considerably but, generally, they provide wages at least equivalent to pre-stoppage rates in return for longer working hours.

In areas other than the midland coalfields, where the returns are no longer issued, as production has reached pre-stoppage level. Nearly 70,000 miners returned to the pits yesterday.

No further figures are being issued as the position throughout the country is rapidly approaching normal. Following a large resumption of work in Northumberland, it is probable that a further concession regarding bunker coal will be announced shortly.

The embargo on the export of coal is being maintained until domestic requirements are satisfied. Normal winter train services are being resumed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SOUTH WALES' COAL MINERS.

REACH AN AGREEMENT.

LONDON, November 30th.

An agreement has been reached in the South Wales' coalfields, on the basis of a 47 hour week at approximately pre-stoppage wages until May 31st next.

The men resume work to-morrow.

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS AT LOS ANGELES.

ALLEGED HINDU PLOTTERS.

A STRANGE AFFAIR.

LOS ANGELES, December 1st.

Three Hindus, who have been arrested, are believed to have been plotting against the life of the Maharajah of Indore, who is at present staying here.

The Hindus hail from the birthplace of the mother of Mumtaz Begum, the dancing girl concerned in the attempted abduction of Mala Barhill in Bombay last year.

The Hindus entered the United States concealed in straw blankets in the tonneau of a motor-car, and each offered the driver $5,000 for a safe conduct to Los Angeles.

The three were armed with heavy revolvers.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN NEW YORK BANKER.

NEW YORK, December 1st.

The death is announced of Mr. W. H. Porter, the well-known banker, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Morgan & Co.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

SIR ELLIS GRIFFITH.

RUGBY, December 1st.

Sir Ellis Griffith, Under Secretary for Home Affairs in the Asquith Administration from 1912 to 1915, died suddenly last night at Swansea.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

M. BRIAND'S POINTED REMARKS.

PARIS, November 30th.

In the Chamber of Deputies, in the course of some pointed references to Italy, M. Briand said that every country had the right to choose its own government and every right to fits of bad temper, but there was a limit, and Italy would admit that her family quarrels had gone far enough and ought to cease. He declared that no country was opened wider to Italian surplus population than was France and her colonies.

As regards Franco-German relations, M. Briand was of opinion that the time had come for the League of Nations to replace the present Inter-Allied military control of Germany.

THE P. & O.

INSURING THE CO.'S VESSELS.

EXCITEMENT AT LLOYDS.

A PERSISTENT RUMOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 1st.

Excitement has been caused at Lloyds by persistent rumour that the P. & O. Co. are shortly insuring its vessels in the open market. It is understood that they have arranged with the Royal Exchange Assurance Co. for this purpose. The secret of the negotiations, which have been proceeding for some time has been so well kept that prominent underwriters at Lloyds had no precise information as to the transaction of the deal which is very important as probably the fleets to be insured will include the P. & O. Federal, British India, New Zealand, and the Union of New Zealand. The P. & O. Co. have hitherto insured their vessels by a fund created for that purpose.

P. & O. DIVIDEND.

EFFECT OF CHINA'S UNREST.

LONDON, November 30th.

The P. & O. directors propose to distribute out of the balance of £919,096 for the year ended September 30th, ten per cent. on the Defered Stock tax free, of which five per cent. was paid interim, and to carry forward £132,156.

They explain that the poor state of trade generally, the unrest in China, and the loss caused by labour troubles in Australia compelled a reduction of dividend a year ago, and the Directors now propose a similar dividend thanks to the conservative policy hitherto adopted and not to the profits made.

M. PAUL CLAUDEL.

TO BE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.

DISTINGUISHED LITTERATEUR.

PARIS, November 30th.

Although no final decision has been taken, *Havas* agency understands that the Government has chosen M. Paul Claudel as Ambassador to Washington.

M. Debilly at present Minister to Bucharest will probably be appointed to Tokyo.

A Lyrical Poet.

PARIS, November 30th.

M. Claudel, whose appointment to the Embassy at Washington is confidently expected, started his career in the Consular Service in the United States, and afterwards was for ten years in China. After filling a series of European posts, with an interval in Brazil, he was appointed French Ambassador to Tokyo in 1921. He attained distinction in literature and is considered one of the leading lyrical poets in France.

[M. Claudel was born at Villeneuve-sur-Fin, Aisne, in August, 1868. After studying law he entered the French consular service in 1892 and served successively as Vice-Consul at New York and Shanghai, Consul at Tientsin (1906) and Prague (1909) and Consul-General at Frankfurt-am-Main (1911). From 1913 till the war, he held a similar post at Hamburg. During the war he entered the diplomatic service and in 1916 was appointed Minister at Rio de Janeiro. Transferred to Copenhagen in 1919, he was sent to Tokyo as Ambassador in 1921. M. Claudel wrote in 1890 the drama "La Tete d'Or" A second play, "La Ville," appeared in 1893. Both these works were published anonymously and for a time attracted no attention. In 1904 appeared the first part of his philosophical treatise, "La Connaissance du Monde." Two years later he completed "Le Partage de Midi" and his first success came with the publication of his "Odes." While at Frankfurt he wrote the mystery play, "L'Annonce faite a Marie," which was first performed at Hellerau, Dresden, on October 5th, 1912, and scored a great success when it was first played in Paris at Christmas, 1912. In autumn, 1925, Claudel made a lecturing tour in England, where he had a very good reception.]

THE SARAJEVO CAR.

ARCHDUKE FERDINAND AND FIVE OTHER VICTIMS.

Ill-luck has pursued to the end the motor-car in which the Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria was killed at Sarajevo, in Bosnia, the affair which led to the world war.

Recently the car became the property of a Serbian doctor who was killed in an accident while driving it. It was sold two weeks ago to a Rumanian garage-owner, who was driving it on November 3rd with five passengers when the car overturned in trying to pass another.

Four of its occupants were killed and the car was wrecked beyond repair.

WU PEI WU NOW DISCOURAGED.

WANTS TO RETIRE FROM PUBLIC LIFE.

ADMITS INABILITY TO RECAPTURE WUHAN CITIES.

BLAMES HIS SUBORDINATES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 1st.

The tension at Hankow has eased somewhat, according to the latest despatches and the recent strikes at the packing plants have been settled.

The *Yi Shi Pao* reports that Marshal Wu Pei Fu, on November 28th sent out a telegram admitting his inability to recapture the Wuhan cities owing to disunity amongst his subordinates, and announcing his intention to retire from public life.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MARINES LANDED AT HANKOW.

THREE MORE WARSHIPS ARRIVE.

RUGBY, November 30th.

No development of importance is reported from Hankow where the anti-European movement and the strike situation have created a dangerous situation. Parties of marines have been landed, as a precautionary measure, in the British, French and Japanese concessions and the warships off Hankow are being reinforced from Shanghai by two American and one British destroyers. Europeans in Hankow are believed to number under one thousand. All the Concessions are on the river bank which facilitates their defence and supply.

MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN AND DR. WELLINGTON KOO.

The general uncertainty of affairs in Peking is reflected in a report by a Chinese news agency to the effect that with the resignation of the present Cabinet in his pocket, Admiral Tu Hsi Kuei, Minister of Navy, went to Tientsin on November 18.

The Admiral, it is reported, was ordered to present the "quit notice" to Marshal Chang Tso Lin but, one report has it that when the Admiral called on Marshal Chang and General Chang, he was advised that they were not interested in the political situation. It is said that Admiral Tu telephoned Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, requesting him to come to Tientsin and settle the affair.

Another story is circulated to the effect that the Navy Chief made his call on the night of his arrival, and was told by Marshal Chang and General Chang that they desired that the present Cabinet remain. It is said that he was asked to invite Dr. Koo to Tientsin for a conference. The acting Premier could not accept the invitation because of other business engagements, it is claimed.

UP RIVER SITUATION.

HAPPENINGS AT KIUKIANG AND HANKOW.

NORTHERN FORCES AT PUKOU.

A message received from Kiukiang a few days ago stated that the labour situation is causing considerable anxiety there. A run on the Bank of China added to this situation, but fortunately the branch was able to weather the run.

The report adds that Southern troops are trying to enter the British Concession which is creating alarm among foreign residents, especially in view of the interview given by Chiang Kai Shek apropos of his proposed treatment of foreigners.

A letter from Hankow, dated November 21st, suggests wide-spread strike possibilities, including the walking out of servants, washermen, railway employees, rice-shop dealers and shop assistants.

Orders have been given to foreigners in the British Concession to lay in a stock of supplies in view of the impending compradore shops' strike.

That a few women and children are beginning to leave Hankow was indicated in a telegram received in Shanghai asking whether a party could stay with friends here, says the *N.-C. Daily News* to hand.

A report received here from Nanking states that 5,000 Fengtien troops under General Chang Chi Ying have arrived at Pukow, with trench mortars, horses and stores. Their reported destination is Anking, and foreign residents in Chinkiang have been cautioned against the situation in view of the large numbers of troops arriving from up river. A reported Northern attack on a large scale against the Southerners in this vicinity is included in the despatch.

Major C. Geldard, M.C., Royal Artillery, found guilty by court-martial of converting to his own use £182 from the funds of the 92nd Battery, has been sentenced to be cashiered.

THE NEW BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

WHAT EX-AMBASSADOR HARVEY THINKS OF IT.

PRAISE FOR AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 1st.

Speaking at the annual dinner of St. Andrew's Society, Mr. Harvey, the ex-Ambassador to London, acclaimed the recent "Spring into being of the British Commonwealth of Sovereign States as a great event—the most momentous of the century in the forward march of our race." He advocated the prompt appointment of American diplomatic representatives to the Irish Free State, Canada, and Australia and added that Americans neither recognise nor rejoice the discomfiture of Britain. Our first gratifying duty is to grasp hands with these new nations of the United States of Britain inseparably linked. We are the world's greatest producer and they are the biggest purchasers. We are the greatest creditor, they the most solvent debtors. The breakdown of British guidance and control would spell calamity to the United States hardly less serious than a disaster to Britain.

In paying a tribute to Mr. S. M. Bruce, Premier of Australia, Mr. Harvey suggested that "this ruling democrat" when he returned through the United States should be accorded a welcome "Not inferior to that recently showered upon a nominal queen."

FENG THE APOSTATE?

ENLISTS BRIGAND SUPPORT.

WELL EQUIPPED FORCES IN KWEIHWA.

According to the *Peking and Tientsin Times* Feng Yu Hsiang, the "Christian General," has undergone a conversion, or perhaps one could call it a re-version since hobnobbing with Soviet leaders in Russia.

The article states:—

In spite of reports to the contrary, Feng Yu Hsiang has never left Paotow where he has been quartered, except for a distance of four or five *li*. All the talk about an alliance of Shansi, Shensi and Kansu to compete against the Kuominchun is nonsense. The Kuominchun has never been out of Paotow since their retreat to the West, and it has never been held by the Shansi forces.

Dr. Goforth Not Welcomed.

There have been many visitors to Paotow and Feng Yu Hsiang, one of whom was Dr. Goforth, formerly a leading sponsor of Feng's Christian Movement. This gentleman, however, met with a very cold reception at Paotow, and is at present at Saratsi. The reception given to Dr. Goforth indicates that Feng has dropped his Christian ideas since his stay in U.S.S.R. and rumour has it that he is now in receipt of enormous supplies of ammunition from Russia *vid* Urga by the direct road from Urga to Paotow.

There is also a rumour that several of these cars of ammunition were cut off by some White Russians and that some of Feng's officers were taken captive by the bandits outside Paotow and held to ransom, and in order to safeguard his men Feng has now taken these bandits into his army and he himself is now looked upon as the chief of the Lao Ko Hui (Elder Brother Society.) There are at present some 300 railway wagons at Paotow, and recently all the wagons along the line West of Saratsi were sent to Paotow. There are some 300 wagons in Kweihwa in charge of the military, and two armoured trains. Feng has also detained four of the engines suitable for drawing trains over the Kweihwa-Paotow section. Recently some aeroplanes were allowed to pass through to the West by railway wagon.

Feng recently "borrowed" $80,000 from the Bank of Communications at Paotow and $50,000 from the Bank of China there.

At Kweihwa.

At the present time there are in Kweihwa *only a few thousand* Shansi soldiers. The remainder, something like 30,000 troops, are ex-Kuominchun soldiers who were taken over by the Shansi forces at the time of their retreat. These ex-Kuominchun troops have been trained daily and are in excellent condition. They are well equipped, their artillery, machine guns and small field pieces are constantly used in their practice manœuvres, and generally speaking they are in better shape now than they have been for a long time.

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BOXING.

NEXT SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT.

CHANCES OF THE CONTESTANTS DISCUSSED.

[BY CADOGYDD.]

In spite of the postponement of the Ewin-Morris fight, I believe that the programme of the Hong Kong Boxing Association for the tournament at the City Hall on Saturday night is quite a good one. It was, of course, disappointing to find the arranged fight called off, but amends have been made, and Mr. Brooks, the hard-working manager must again be congratulated. He puts much time and labour into the arranging of these fights.

The Big Fight.

The big fight is now a 15-round catch-weight contest between C.P.O. Jim Cartlidge and Stoker Morris. They have met before, and there is no denying that it was a distinctly poor and uninteresting spectacle." The spectators were bored to tears. It may have been quite a fair wrestling match, and an even better exhibition of the "bunny-hug" but from the first bell to the last there was a lamentable paucity of clean blows.

Those who saw the last contest have a certain fear that this fight will be a repetition of those lamentable tactics. But there it is. The fight is coming off!

I must commend the willingness of Jim Cartlidge. He has filled the breach which Ewin has made. He lost to Morris in the previous fight, and yet he is coming up again. Cartlidge is wonderfully game, and there is no doubt that he has done a great deal for boxing in Hong Kong. He was supposed to have left for Home in November, but his departure was postponed. I now understand that he is going at the end of the year.

Personally, I believe the fight will be much better and much more open on this occasion. If the men again clinch too often it remains for the referee to be stern. Better that the fight should be stopped early on than bore the spectators with a repetition of the last exhibition. But I am sure this fight will be different.

Morris should win. He is much younger than Cartlidge, who is now a veteran in the game. Moreover, he carries a hefty punch in either hand. Cartlidge is clever, very fast, and as hard as nails, but he lacks a strong punch.

An Interesting Bout.

Certainly the best drawing card on the programme is ten-round heavyweight contest between P.O. Francis and Stoker Howard. It will be Howard's first appearance in the ring here, and much is expected of him. I have already given his record in these columns.

He is a middleweight but has gained victories in both the lightheavy and heavyweight classes. Francis will be much heavier, and is quite a good boxer, and fighter. But taking Howard's record into account, I don't think that the Petty Officer should worry him overmuch. Howard will be fast, and whether the fight be short or go to its full length, I am expecting him to win.

Minor Bouts.

Minor contests have been well-chosen. Quite a good bout should result between Corpl. McManus and L.-Sign. Hanson in the featherweight class. The former should win. In the other featherweight contest Pte. Hume, should defeat Sign. Crush.

A hard-hitting contest should be seen in the welters between P.O. Menn and Stoker Reynolds. Reynolds should win.

In the middleweights Stoker Morrell will clash with Stoker Evans, and the former should win.

HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD COMPETITION STARTING TO-DAY.

This afternoon, commencing at four o'clock, the Army and Navy meet in the Sim Shield Competition. The game will be played on the United Services Recreation Club's ground, and should be well worth watching, as both teams will be strong.

Owing to the wet weather, the hockey match which had been arranged to be played on Tuesday evening between the second eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club and the Navy, at King's Park, Kowloon, was cancelled. Also on account of the rain, the match between the Hong Kong Hockey Club and the King's Own Scottish Borderers at the U.S.R.C. ground for last evening was cancelled.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. K.O.S.B.'s.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket 1st XI. in a League match against K.O.S.B.'s on Saturday, the 4th inst., on the Club ground:—T. E. Pearce (captain), A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. D. Humphreys, H. V. Parker, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, R. B. Gardner, and G. R. Vallack.

QUARREL'S ON A ROYAL TRAIN.

IMPORTANT AMERICANS AND QUEEN MARIE.

SEATTLE WOMEN IN A HUFF.

Queen Marie's triumphant tour of democratic and Republican America, had its little shadows and a recent number of the *Daily Mail* describes how the jealousies and rivalries that had been simmering in the entourage of Queen Marie of Rumania during her American tour culminated in an attack by Mr. Samuel Hill, the aged railway financier, on Major Stanley Washburn, whom he ordered to leave the royal train.

Mr. Hill, like Miss Lois Fuller, the dancer, was in the train at the Queen's invitation, but Colonel John H. Carroll announced: "I'm in command of this train, not only by the appointment of the three railways which arranged the Queen's trip but by the approval of her Majesty as well. No one can be expelled except by my order, and Major Washburn will remain."

Accounts of the quarrel show that when the royal motor-car entered Portland the Governor of Oregon, Mr. Walter M. Pierce, took a seat in it. Mr. Washburn and Mr. Hill were also in the car. A special detective whose duty it was to guard the Queen found that he could not do so unless he also had a seat in the motor-car.

He accordingly asked the Governor to vacate his place. The Governor willingly rejoined his wife and daughter in their car. The door was slammed by a footman, whereupon Mr. Hill accused Mr. Washburn of insulting the Governor.

Mr. Washburn, of course, denied the accusation. Mr. Hill then exclaimed: "Obey my orders or I will crush you."

The Queen was very much perturbed about the quarrel.

Jealous Women.

At Seattle Mrs. Adolph Spreckels, of San Francisco, who was to have been the official hostess, was conspicuous by her

(*Continued on next Column.*)

absence. The women of Seattle objected to the selection of a San Francisco woman as hostess, and to prevent the reception arrangements from collapsing Mrs. Spreckels left the train at Portland.

CARPENTIER AND A TRICKSTER.

BOXER REMINDS HIM OF JOE BECKETT'S FATE.

One of the confidence men in Paris, who are always on the look-out for victims, had the misfortune to try the trick on Georges Carpentier the other day.

According to the *Echo de Paris*, an elegantly dressed man met the boxer in a café and claimed acquaintance on the strength of a statement that Georges knew his brother and his uncle. He then explained that he had a big affair to launch in America, and as Georges was going there soon he might help, and he could even take some part in the business.

The Confidence Trick.

The two drove off in a taxicab to his hotel, but on the way the man stopped the cab and said that, as his option expired in a few hours, he must pay in some thousands of dollars at once. He would be back in a minute.

He came back in a minute and told Carpentier that he was short of £36, and if Carpentier would lend him that sum he would repay it when they reached the hotel.

Carpentier did this, and the man left, apparently to pay it, and came back again. Together they drove to a well-known hotel, and the man, saying that he would fetch the money, entered.

Carpentier walked round the corner of the street where there was another entrance to this hotel, and saw his man hurrying out.

Georges touched him on the shoulder, reminded him of the fate of Beckett, and got back his money.

SOUTH AFRICAN GIRL SWIMMER.

BEATS MEN RIVALS.

TEN HOURS IN ICY WATER.

Capetown was recently stirred to rare enthusiasm by what is regarded as an unexampled feat of endurance on the part of a young girl swimmer. Peggy Duncan, aged 15, a school-girl from Johannesburgh, left Robben Island, eight miles from Capetown, at half-past ten on the morning of November 5th, and reached the beach at the foot of Adderley-street at four minutes past eight that evening, still unexhausted.

The difficulty of the swim arose not from the distance, but from the fact that the water was much colder than the English Channel. There were heavy swells and baffling currents to contend with. There was also the danger of sharks, one man-eater having been caught just outside Table Bay that morning. Six men and six women competed, all the men giving up before one o'clock, one of them describing the sea as "like an ice-chest."

The girls, generally, made splendid efforts. Florrie Berndt, a nurse, left the island at six a.m. and gave up after thirteen and a half hours' struggle, when only three-quarters of a mile from the shore. Another competitor who left at the same time as the heroine of the day, although still fresh on leaving the water, at 3.45 p.m., reported seeing a shark close to her. Miss Duncan wins the valuable cup given by the *Cape Argus*.

While excavating in a chicken run the Rev. P. Davies, of Llanboidy, Carmarthenshire, found a Bronze Age urn, 15 inches high, full of charred bones.

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LONDON'S DIVORCE COURT GALLERY.

MAINLY THE IDLE POOR.

DISCREDITABLE SCENES AT COWLEY DIVORCE CASE.

Twice during the hearing of the "fashionable divorce case" in which Lord Cowley sued for a divorce from his wife Lady Cowley, naming a Mr. Kent as co-respondent, was the President Lord Merrivale, obliged to threaten the occupants of the public gallery with ejection for ribald laughter.

What sort of people are these who would make a comedy of Divorce Court proceedings? pertinently asks the *Daily Mail*.

The judge sits in the afternoon at 2 p.m. Two hours beforehand a queue was formed for admission. When the doors were unlocked it had grown to about 100 people, of whom not more than 30 could be admitted.

Places Sold.

At the head of the queue therefore a small trade in places was being done. Five shillings or even 10s. changed hands; a tattered loafer stepped out of the line and a more prosperous late comer took his place.

Three-quarters of the people in the queue, so the police and ushers declare, are habitués of the courts. Two men and one woman were pointed out who are known to have been constant visitors for more than 30 years.

Then there were younger men, slouching, furtive, ill-dressed, the type of the habitual dole drawer, and one or two youths in their 'teens.

Socialist street-corner orators say that the Divorce Court galleries are filled with the idle rich. They are not; they are filled with the idle poor.

When the doors were opened the habitués got all the seats in the front row, and scowled when the patient usher, to make room for someone with a real interest in the case, made them crowd closer together.

The Women.

Women in the gallery were in a minority—a dozen all told—and not more than two could have been called "well dressed."

One elderly, dressed in black furs, known by the officials to have a personal interest in the case, sat and heard the painful evidence in deep silence, immobile. The other, younger, in the early 'thirties perhaps (though her make-up made it difficult to fix her age), munched chocolates till the floor round her was a litter of silver paper. When something was said that would have shocked a decent woman she laughed and nudged an elderly man who was her escort.

At the back was a man who chewed without interruption, and another who slept.

They all felt Lord Merrivale's eye upon them. When the chocolate eater tittered, someone in the front row said "Hush," and they all glanced at the judge with anxiety, lest they should be deprived of their cheap entertainment.

Downstairs a servant was giving unpleasant evidence. The front row habitués grinned and whispered to one another behind their hands. Women stood up to get a better view.

When the court rose at 4 p.m. there was a general rush to the courtyard to see Lady Cowley leave.

The case was eventually stopped by the jury, Lord Cowley's petition being dismissed without calling on the defence.

Lord and Lady Cowley are both members of the theatrical profession, but apart from that fact the case presented no particularly interesting features.

OIL FROM COAL.

SIR ROBERT HORNE'S OPTIMISM.

The vital importance to Great Britain of the outcome of experiments to extract oil from coal was the main subject of the address which Sir Robert Horne, M.P., delivered to members of the Institution of Fuel Economy Engineers, following a luncheon at the Connaught Rooms, at which he was the principal guest. Sir Hugo Hirst presided.

Sir Robert Horne said he could not imagine any other sphere in which economy could produce such extraordinary and inspiring results as in that of coal. The country was losing advantage of a vast amount of unconsumed fuel and unused heat. Nevertheless, in this region of new enterprise the British people had not fallen behind either the scientific or practical inventions of other countries. But attempts to repeat laboratory experiments on a commercial scale had not, up to the present, met with such success as to justify the investment of large capital resources. This country imported oil to the amount of nearly 1,300,000,000 gallons a year. That was a portentous figure when they thought of the gradual eating away of the oil supplies of the world. It was, moreover, a very dangerous thing for a country like Great Britain to be obliged to rely upon outside sources for her oil, on a supply of which the Fleet was coming to depend.

There were two main lines, said Sir Robert, along which investigation had been proceeding—the process by which oil was obtained by treating powdered coal with hydrogen under pressure, and the extraction, by a process of low temperature carbonisation, of liquid fuel and oils, together with gas of high calorific value, and a residuum of solid fuel of special value. There seemed to be infinite possibilities in the use of powdered coal. They were still awaiting results of complete experiments, but they awaited with great hope and expectation. If members of that society achieved a great change in the use of coal, they might bring about a condition of happiness and prosperity in England just as rapidly as did the inventors who ushered in the new era after the Napoleonic wars.

ROYAL BELGO-SWEDISH WEDDING.

CIVIL CEREMONY AT STOCKHOLM.

A LOVELY BRIDE.

Further details are now to hand of the recent Royal wedding in Stockholm.

The civil ceremony of marriage between the Duke of Brabant, eldest son of the King and Queen of the Belgians, and Princess Astrid, daughter of Prince Oscar Charles, brother of the King of Sweden, took place on the afternoon of November 4th in the Throne Room of the Royal Palace, says the *Daily Mail*.

Long before the hour of the ceremony—3.30—the Throne Room, a long, very lofty hall, ornamented with ancient tapestries, was filled with brilliant courtiers and diplomats and Court ladies, all in white, sitting on benches ranged along either side.

A curtain of tapestry was raised, and there appeared the bridesmaids—Princess Marie José, sister of the bridegroom; Princess Martha, sister of the bride; Princess Ingrid, daughter of the Crown Prince of Sweden and of the late Princess Margaret of Connaught; Princess Feodorovna of Denmark—in girlish dresses of apricot *mousseline de soie*, with baskets of apricot-coloured carnations in their hands.

Presently the most wonderful procession of kings, queens, princes, and princesses since the war entered to the strains of a triumphal march.

The Queen of the Belgians, in pale blue with a Court train of royal blue, entered first with the King of Sweden; then the mother of the bride, in turquoise green, with the King of the Belgians; then the Queen of Denmark, in white and a flaming red train, with the King of Norway.

They and the other royal personages of the long procession bowed to the assembly on either side as they walked to the dais, where they took their places looking down the hall to the entrance, which was concealed again by the tapestry.

There was a hush of expectation, and then the music of the Wedding March from "Lohengrin."

The Bride.

Again the tapestry was drawn aside, and a procession entered which made one forget the kings and queens who had just passed by. First came into the glowing light of the hall officials of the Court; then the Duke of Brabant, a tall figure in khaki leading his bride and then the royal bridesmaids and groomsmen.

Never has a bridegroom led a lovelier bride to marriage. Princess Astrid is tall with black hair, dark eyes, and very long, dark lashes, and although she is not quite 21, she has a queenly bearing.

She wore a dress of white *mousseline de soie*, with touches of pearl embroidery and with three flounces of Brussels lace. Her long Court train of white silk was embroidered in white and her veil was of Brussels lace—it was the one worn by her grandmother at her weddisg.

The Princess wore a little crown of myrtles, which in Sweden take the place of orange blossom.

She smiled as she bowed to the Court with great dignity when the bridegroom led her to the table near the royal dais, where the Mayor of Stockholm was waiting to perform the simple ceremony. This lasted only seven minutes.

When the mayor asked the bridegroom in Swedish whether he would take this woman to be his wedded wife, the Prince's "Yes," also spoken in Swedish, was heard throughout the hall, but the Princess whispered her reply.

The firing of a cannon told the capital that the ceremony was over, and the bride and bridegroom took their places on the royal dais between the King and Queen of the Belgians.

The Golden Coach.

After the Prince and Princess had received the congratulations of their relatives and friends, they were conducted to the courtyard of the palace, where the golden coach was drawn up.

It was the golden coach of fairy tales in which the Beautiful Princess and the Prince Charming drove away to be happy ever after. And in it they had this Beautiful Princess in her bridal raiment and this Prince Charming in khaki with the blue and white ribbon of the Order of St. Seraphim conferred on him to-day by the King of Sweden.

The golden coach with four milk-white horses rattled out of the palace courtyard into the street, where crowds of people were standing to greet the bridal pair, and all along the route to the home of the bride's parents people cheered the royal lovers.

A Brief Parting.

And presently "Farewell!" The Prince must go to join his parents for the journey to Belgium. And an hour later the Princess and her mother start on the same journey by another route. They will meet again at Antwerp. The Prince will then conduct his bride to Brussels, where in the historic church of St. Gudule, the religious ceremony will be performed.

COLCHESTER MANSION BURNED DOWN.

Little Bromley Hall, a mansion of great antiquity near Colchester, was destroyed by fire on November 5th. This brings the total number of serious outbreaks of fire at English mansions and country houses this year to 30.

The outbreak at Little Bromley Hall occurred early on the morning of November 5th, and the fire burnt itself out late in the afternoon, leaving only the bare walls of a fine old landmark standing. All the furniture, including antiques and silver, together with personal belongings, were lost, although the Colchester Fire Brigade were able to save the adjacent buildings and a number of corn stacks.

Little Bromley Hall was a large country mansion standing in its own grounds and was owned by Mr. H. Franklin, who is in business in London as a rubber merchant. The occupants at the time of the outbreak were Mrs. Franklin and a maid, who were both unhurt.

GIGANTIC WATERSPOUT IN NORTH SEA.

CREW'S TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE.

A terrifying experience recently befel the crew of the South Shields trawler *Mary Hastie* as the North Sea fishing grounds, when a waterspout was encountered. The vessel is now safe in the Tyne. Skipper Florence, from the bridge, said he saw a gigantic spout some miles distant approaching at a speed estimated at forty miles an hour. He had seen waterspouts from 200 to 300 feet high in the tropics, but this one was hanging from a cloud 1,200 to 1,400 feet above the sea. "As soon as I saw the thing," continued the skipper, "I ordered everything to be battened down, told the mate to stand by to cut trawl gear, and ordered the men under cover. The spout came swooping down on us. It looked as if there was no escape, but when the spout was within two hundred yards the wind dropped for a matter of seconds. This must have caused a vacuum, for the spout altered its course and went off with a terrific rush." He added that but for that circumstance, another "mystery" of the sea would have been recorded.

OUR STUDIOUS NAVY.

HISTORICAL AND TECHNICAL BOOKS IN DEMAND.

The Navy's taste in reading, according to a Plymouth authority, has developed greatly in the past few years.

Nearly every warship now has its own bookstall aboard, and the larger vessels have splendidly stocked libraries. One which left Plymouth recently took with it 4,000 of the newest two-shilling novels. A remarkable feature, however, is the thirst for more serious reading on the part of the men of the Navy.

"It is really surprising what the lower deck is reading to-day," said the largest bookseller in the port. "A large proportion of the demand is for essays and works dealing with history and technical subjects.

"Dictionaries are greatly in request for educational purposes, and many naval men have ordered the new Webster in its £3 10s. form.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 2nd to 8th, 1926.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. H. Kong. Standard Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. H. Kong. Standard Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	2	m 7 16	5 3	m 1 46	3 3
		7 33 a	6 6	1 15 a	3 7
Fri.	3	m 8 4	5 3	m 2 22	3 6
		7 54 a	7 1	1 45 a	3 9
Satur.	4	m 8 51	5 2	m 2 57	3 1
		8 19 a	7 6	2 14 a	3 0
Sun.	5	m 9 37	5 1	m 3 34	3 5
		8 50 a	8 0	2 41 a	3 2
Mon.	6	m 10 27	4 9	m 4 14	3 2
		9 27 a	8 3	3 13 a	3 3
Tues.	7	m 11 29	4 7	m 4 59	3 5
		10 8 a	8 4	3 45 a	3 5
Wed.	8	m 0 39	4 5	m 5 49	3 8
		10 52 a	8 2	4 20 a	3 7

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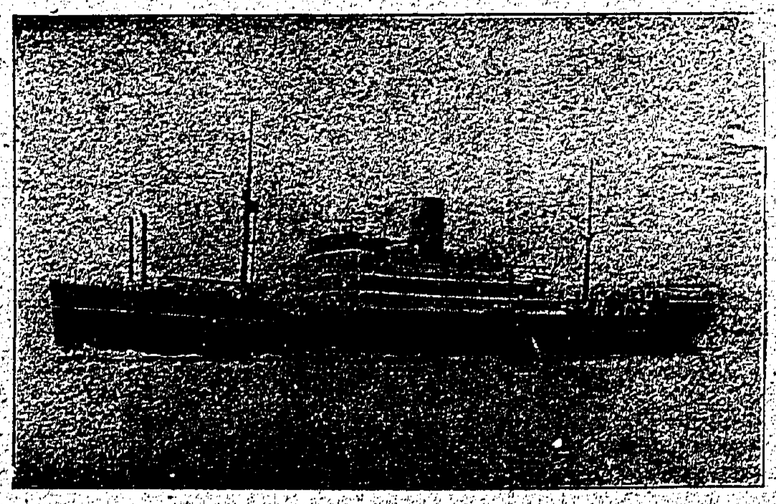
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

November 30th.

Muroran Maru, Japanese str., 3,251 tons, Capt. Y. Katori, from Moji, which port she left on November 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Oakridge, American str., 3,735 tons, Capt. A. Johnson, from Portland, Ore., and Shanghai. The latter port she left on November 27th, with flour and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A27.—Columbia Pacific S.S. Co.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Wing Wo, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. I. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.

December 1st.

Adna, British str., 3,155 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Yokohama, in ballast, lying at Kowloon Bay.—A.P.C.

Agra, Swedish motor ship, 4,948 tons, Capt. W. Olsen, from Gothenburg and Singapore. The latter port she left on November 42th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A31.—Gilman & Co.

Bandoeng Maru, Japanese str., 2,469 tons, Capt. N. Suzuki, from Sourabaya and Balikpapan. The latter port she left on November 22nd, with molasses and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—N.Y.K.

Bellerophon, British str., 5,714 tons, Capt. H. M. Collins, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on November 28th, with potatoes and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2.—B. & S.

Empress of Asia, British str., 8,789 tons, from Vancouver *viâ* Japan ports and Shanghai. The last mentioned port she left on November 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.S. Co.

Fooshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. Wm. Batch, from Shanghai and Swatow. The former port she left on November 27th, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hai Hong, British str., 1,207 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hermelin, Norwegian str., 1,163 tons, Capt. Z. Pedersen, from Bangkok and Swatow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C36.—Thoresen & Co.

Hosan Maru, Japanese str., 2,347 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with coal and merchandise amounting to 900 tons, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Seistan, British str., 1,421 tons, Capt. Inglas, from Singapore, which port she left on November 24th, with a *nil* entry, lying at buoy No. A28.—H. M. H. Nemazee.

Tonglee, Chinese str., 882 tons, Capt. T. Ozama, from Dairen, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—Cheng Kee Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 1st.

Agra, for Shanghai.
Bellerophon, for Shanghai.
Daviken, for Hoihow.
Fingal, for Canton.
Fooshing, for Canton.
Hanyang, for Saigon.
Hwichow, for Weihaiwei.
Mikage Maru, for Bangkok.
Muroran Maru, for Singapore.
Oakridge, for Manila.
Tilawa, for Singapore.
Tjisondari, for Muntok.
Tong Lee, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

By the s.s. *Fooshing*, from Shanghai and Swatow, on December 1st:—Mrs. Demoina and Miss Papova.

By the s.s. *Hai Hong*, from Amoy, on December 1st:—Mr. and Mrs. Dickie.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, which left Hong Kong on November 11th, arrived at Vancouver on November 29th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF 120TH MERIDIAN, OF GREENWICH).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 2nd	6.47 a.m.	5.39 p.m.
,, 3rd	6.48 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 4th	6.48 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 5th	6.49 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 6th	6.50 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 7th	6.50 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 8th	6.51 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 9th	6.51 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 10th	6.52 ,,	5.40 ,,
,, 11th	6.53 ,,	5.40 ,,
,, 12th	6.53 ,,	5.40 ,,
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,, 25th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 26th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 27th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 28th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 29th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 30th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 31st	7.03 ,,	5.49 ,,

HONG KONG SHIPPING.

YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS.

HEAVY THROUGH FREIGHTS.

Heavy freights for ports beyond were registered on steamers passing through Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. There was a total tonnage of 33,146 of general cargo on 18 vessels, but cargo for the Colony remained below the average.

General merchandise discharged here amounted to 6,090 tons, of which British vessels contributed 2,093 tons. The best returns were 1,026 tons brought by the s.s. *Muroran Maru*, a Japanese vessel, from Yokohama and Moji, and 850 tons ex s.s. *Sinkiang* (B. & S.) from Shanghai and Amoy.

For ports beyond there were 33,146 tons of general cargo manifested, of which, 8,079 tons were on British steamers. The *Suwa Maru*, from Middlesborough and Singapore had 7,626 tons, the *Carmathenshire*, from Yokohama and Shanghai, 6,329 tons and the s.s. *Muroran Maru* 4,543 tons.

During the period under review there were 18 arrivals and 21 departures. They were: British, 6 arrivals and 9 departures; Japanese, 7 arrivals and 4 departures; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 4 departures; Dutch, 1 arrival and 1 departure; German, 2 departures; American, 1 arrival.

Vessels in port totalled 75, out of which 33 were British.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Charged before Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday with boarding the s.s. *Tilawa* without a permit from the ship's officers, a Chinese coolie pleaded that he was told by a passenger to "go on board to carry something." Inspector Bond told the Court that the "something" carried by defendant was a blanket stolen from a passenger. His Worship sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the total number of deck passengers entered into the Colony was 1,676. The s.s. *Van Overstratem*, from Deli and Singapore, brought 1,176 and the Douglas, Lapraik Company's steamer *Haihong*, from Foochow and Amoy carried 196.

A total of 7,606 tons of coal was discharged here yesterday from the s.s. *Toyei Maru* and *Mikaji Maru* No. 8. The former vessel unloaded 4,624 tons and the latter 2,982 tons.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, did not arrive until late yesterday afternoon, therefore details of her freights, passengers, etc., will not be ready until this morning.

The *Kaituku Maru* arrived from Miike yesterday with 3,200 tons of general cargo.

The British steamer *Hangsang* arriving from Shanghai and Swatow brought 800 tons of general cargo for local discharge.

The Swedish vessel *Agra*, from Gothenburg and Singapore brought 330 tons of cargo for local discharge, and carried 6,500 tons of freights for ports beyond Hong Kong.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 13th.
Shirala (B.I. & Apcar), due December 5th, about 7 a.m.
Tanda (E. & A.), due to-morrow.
Yorck (N.D.L.), due to-day.

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Steamers.	H'kong. Leave	S'hai. Leave	Kobe Leave	Y'hama. Leave	V'couver. Arrive.
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW & NINGPO	"FOOSHING"	...Tuesday,	7th Dec., at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"SUISANG"	...Tuesday,	7th Dec., at 10 a.m.
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CANTON	"YATSHING"	...Thursday,	9th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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KOBE	"HOSANG"	...Saturday,	11th Dec., at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	...Tuesday,	14th Dec., at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"YATSHING"	...Tuesday,	14th Dec., at 10 a.m.
KOBE	"KUMSANG"	...Saturday,	18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	...Monday,	20th Dec., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	...Wednesday,	22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
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D'ARTAGNAN ...A ...	3rd Dec., ,,	5th Jan., 1927.	1st Feb., ,,
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TENYO MARU	Monday,	24th Jan., at Noon
*KOREA MARU	Sunday,	6th Feb., at Noon

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SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU	Thursday,	16th Dec., at Noon
RAKUYO MARU	Wednesday,	12th Jan., at Noon

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.

*ATSUTA MARU	Saturday,	4th Dec., at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday,	18th Dec.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday,	1st Jan.
SUWA MARU	Saturday,	15th Jan.

*Omit Malacca and Aden.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU	Wednesday,	22nd Dec., at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU	Wednesday,	19th Jan., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU	Tuesday,	14th Dec.
ASUKA MARU	Wednesday,	12th Jan.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.

KAWACHI MARU	Sunday,	26th Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

SADO MARU	Saturday,	11th Dec.
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday,	18th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

KWAYO MARU	Thursday,	9th Dec.
NAGANO MARU	Middle of Dec.	

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU	Saturday,	18th Dec.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

INDIA MARU	(call Dairen)	Sunday, 5th Dec.
BANGOON MARU	(Moji direct)	Saturday, 11th Dec.
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec., Noon	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	6,852	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,913	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NELLORE"	6,852	3rd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KARMALA"	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	5th Dec.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Dec.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	25th Dec.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	2nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	9th Jan.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA"	6,956	4th Dec., 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Jan.	
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"SHIRALA"	7,841	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,914	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th Dec.	Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	22nd Dec.	Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
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SHANGHAI	"NANNING"	On 4th Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SAWTOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 5th Dec.,	6 a.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 5th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 7th Dec.,	6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 8th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 9th Dec.,	10 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 9th Dec.,	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 11th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"KANCHOW"	On 12th Dec.,	10 a.m.
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S.S. "VENEZIA"	Sails on or about 7th January, 1927.
M.V. "ROMOLO"	Sails on or about 4th February, 1927.

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Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Atsuta Maru* ...	4th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Jackson*	5th Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London, 4th Nov.)	*Shirala*	5th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Paul Lecat* ...	7th Dec.
Shanghai	*Macedonia* ...	10th Dec.
Shanghai	*Hector*	14th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Thursday, 2nd,
Straits and Calcutta	*Muroran Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Java via Batavia	*Tjisondari* ...	11.30 A M
Shanghai and EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	*Tjikembang* ..	11.30 A M
Saigon	*Prominent*... ...	12.30 P M
Fort Bayard	*Wing Wo* ..	2.30 P M
Manila	*Empress of Asia*...	3.30 P M
Shanghai & *Japan	*Yorck*	4.00 P M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Mingsang* ..	5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kotsu Maru* ...	5.00 P M
		Friday, 3rd,
Japan	*Bandoeng Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong*	Noon
Shanghai	*Nanning*	5.00 P M
		Saturday, 4th,
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd Jan., 1927	*Atsuta Maru* ...	Reg. 11.15 A M Letters Noon
Straits & Calcutta	*Kutsang* ...	Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 16th December ...	*Tanda*	Parcels Noon Reg. 1.45 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America, *Canada & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 29th December ..	*Pres. Taft* ...	Letters 2.30 P M Parcels, 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters, 5.00 P M
Amoy	*Antung* ...	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 5th,
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kingyuan* ...	8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Hosan Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Saigon and South Africa	*Santos Maru* ...	9.00 A M
		Monday, 6th,
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 25th Dec., & EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	*Pres. Jackson* ..	Parcels Noon Reg. 2.45 P M Letters 3.30 P M
Manila, *Sandakan, Labuan, *Australia & *New Zealand via Sydney—due Sydney, about 9th Jan., 1927 ...	*Calulu*	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Suiyang*	5.00 P M
		Tuesday, 7th,
Swatow and Bangkok...	*Sui Sang*	8.30 A M
Sandakan	*Hinsang*	12.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning* ...	1.00 P M
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 7th Jan., 1927	*Paul Lecat* ..	Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Bangkok	*Kweiyang*... ...	5.00 P M
		Wednesday, 8th,
Japan	*Hosang*	5.00 P M
		Thursday, 9th,
Swatow	*Kwong Sang* ...	10.30 A M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Taming*	10.30 A M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



LONDON SERVICE.

"HECTOR"	15th Dec.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Glasgow.
"AUTOLYCUS"	28th Dec.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Hamburg.
"AENEAS"	11th Jan.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Glasgow.
"AGAPENOR"	25th Jan.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"TITAN"	18th Dec.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"DOLIUS"	20th Jan.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"DEUCALION"	20th Feb.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

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"OANFA"	14th Jan.	New York, Boston & Baltimore.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £4,500,000
Silver $27,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors$20,000,000

Head Office: Hongkong.

Court of Directors:
Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman.
Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Deputy Chairman.
W. H. Bell, Esq. J. A. Plummer, Esq.
A. H. Compton, Esq. T. G. Weall, Esq.
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G. M. Young, Esq.
Chief Manager:
A. H. Barlow, Esq.

Branches:—

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Batavia	Ipoh	Rangoon
Bombay	Johore	Saigon
Calcutta	Kobe	San Francisco
Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Chefoo	London	Singapore
Colombo	Lyons	Sourabaya
Dairen	Malacca	Sungei Patani
Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Moukden	Tokyo
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Harbin		

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 27th May, 1926. [25

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th May, 1926. [2

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.59,667,283.54

Branches:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hongkong	Saigon
Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
FortBayard	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Yunnanfou

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
In London: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
In New York: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according counts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.
Head Office: Hongkong.
10, Des Vœux Road Central.

Authorized Capital$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
Reserve Fund 1,200,000

Branches and Agencies.

Canton	Osaka	Haiphong
London	Singapore	Batavia
Seattle	Melbourne	Kowloon
Nagasaki	Calcutta	New York
Tientsin	Saigon	Kobe
Manila	San Francisco	Peking
Bombay	Taipeh	Rangoon
Shanghai	Tokyo	Sourabaya
Paris	Penang	Semarang
Honolulu		

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.
Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.
Kan Tong Po,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1926.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Head Office: Hongkong.
Established 1912.

Authorized Capital ...$1,200,000
Paid Up Capital$1,082,925
Silver Reserve Fund $ 760,000
ranches:—Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.
Correspondents in all Principal Cities of the World.
London, Bankers:—The Lloyds Bank, Limited.
Every description of banking business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes in various sizes to be let from $5.00 to $40.00 yearly.
LOOK POON SHAN,
Chief Manager.
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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 1st, 1926.

On London.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...1/11	
Bank Bills, on demand	...1/11	1/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	...1/11	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/0	1/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ...	2/0	3/16
On Paris.—		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1,235	
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1,455	
On New York.—		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	46⅜	
Credits, at 60 days' sight...	46⅛	
On Bombay.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...	129½	
Bank Bills, on demand...		
On Calcutta.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...	129½	
Bank Bills, on demand ...		
On Shanghai.—		
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.	
Private, 30 days' sight ...		
On Yokohama.—On demand...	94½	
On Manila.—On demand ...	93½	
On Singapore.—On demand...	83	
On Batavia.—On demand ...	115½	
On Haiphong.—On demand...	nom.	
On Saigon.—On demand ...	nom.	
On Bangkok.—On demand ...	96½	
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	$10.15	
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael ...	—	
Bar Silver, per oz.	25½	

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
Head Office:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund£1,350,000

Bankers:
The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
Bombay	Kota Bharu	Rangoon
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Colombo	Kuantan (Pahang)	Simla
Delhi	Madras	Singapore
Galle	New York	Sourabaya
Hongkong		
Howrah		

Hongkong Branches:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates tha may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, June 17th, 1926. [22

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000

Branches:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hongkong	

Bankers:
France: Société Generalé, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

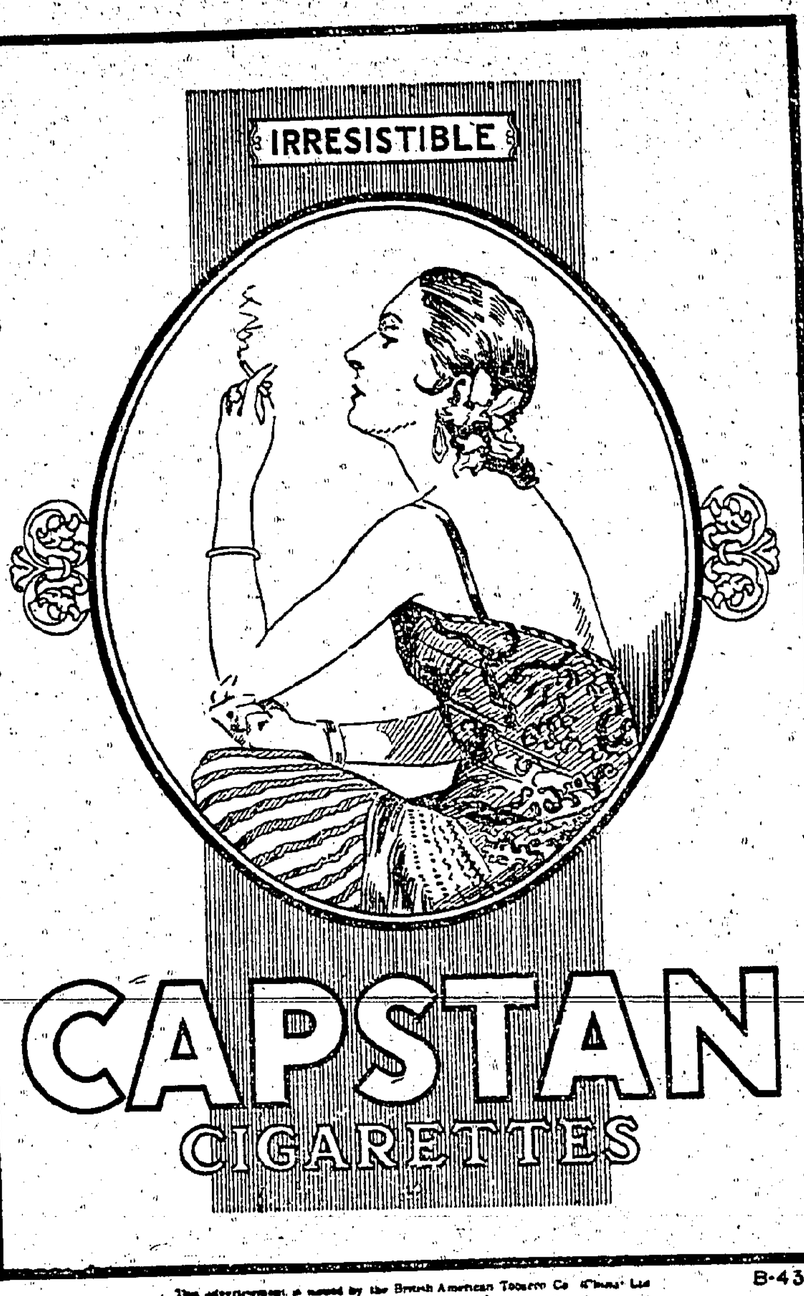
Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) Yen 39,375,000

Head Office:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
Formosa:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Heito, Taito.
China:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
Others:—Hongkong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York, Calcutta.

London Bankers:
The London County Westminster and Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, &c.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
T. TAKAGI,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
5, Des Vœux Road, Central
Hongkong, 11th May, 1926. [27



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THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行
(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital...$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 19,750,200.00
Reserve Fund 9,864,398.69

Head Office:—Peking.
Hongkong Branch:—5, Queen's Road Central.
Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.
London Bankers:—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, The National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
New York Bankers:—The Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Special facilities for domestic exchange.
TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 16th, 1926. [38

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.
(Netherlands Trading Society).

Established 1824.
Hongkong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital	Guilders	150,000,000 (£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital	,,	80,000,000 (£6,666,670)
Reserve Fund	,,	21,117,340 (£1,759,778)
Special Reserves	,,	22,660,000 (£1,888,330)

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.
Branches:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta, The Hague, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pecalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Samarang, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap, Weltevreden and Sibolga (Sumatra).
London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents all over the World.
Banking Business of Every Description.
E. C. MAASSEN,
Acting Manager.
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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 89,500,000

Head Offices: Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Batavia	Kai Yuen	Rangoon
Bombay	Karachi	Soerabaya
Buenos Ayres	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Lyons	Semarang
Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Singapore
Fengtien (Mukden)	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
Hamburg	Nagoya	Sydney
Hankow	Newchwang	Tientsin
Harbin	Osaka	Tokyo
Honolulu	New York	Tsinanfu
Interest allowed on Current Accounts.	Peking	Tsingtau
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.	Rio de Janeiro	Vladivostock

C. ARIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th Sept., 1926. [35

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors£3,000,000

Agencies and Branches.

Alor Star (Malay States)	Iloilo	Rangoon
Amritsar	Ipoh	Saigon
Bangkok	Karachi	Semarang
Batavia	Klang	Seremban
Bombay	Kobe	Shanghai
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore
Canton	Kuching	Soerabaya
Cawnpore	Madras	Taiping
Cebu	Manila	(F.M.S.)
Colombo	Medan	Tavoy
Delhi	New York	Tientsin
Haifhong	Penang	Tokyo
Hamburg	Peshawar	Tsingtao
Hankow	Pukhit	Yokohama
Hongkong		Zamboanga (Philippine Islands).

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, August 1st, 1926. [30

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BRANCHES:
SHANGHAI.

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Rates on Application.
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38] D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

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